



Global Irish Civic Forum - Dublin Castle, 4-5 May 2017

Detailed Programme of Events

	<h3>Thursday 4th May</h3>
08.30 – 09.00	- Registration -
09.00 – 09.15	<p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <p>Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Charles Flanagan TD</p>
09.15 – 09.45	<p>Achieving with the Irish Abroad</p> <p>Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Joe McHugh TD</p> <p><i>Discussion and interview with Máire Treasa Ní Cheallaigh (RTÉ)</i></p>
09.45 – 11.15	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>‘Evolving Global Irish Communities – Meeting their needs and identifying opportunities for collaboration’</p> <p><i>Panel discussion with Q&A exploring contemporary trends and issues in Global Irish communities and for returning citizens, such as: diaspora diversity, young diaspora, new diaspora communities, networks & locations, and changing emigration trends.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Alma Ní Choigligh (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)</i> <i>Ted Smyth (Glucksman Ireland House, NYU)</i> <i>Seamus McGarry (Irish Cultural Centre Hammersmith)</i> <i>Colette Shannon (Irish Business Network Dubai)</i></p>
11.15 – 11.45	- Tea & Coffee / Networking Opportunity -
11.45 – 13.00	<p>Moderated workshops running in parallel discussing the Implementation of ‘Global Irish: Ireland’s Diaspora Policy’</p> <p><i>Allocated workshops gathering feedback on the implementation of the diaspora policy and examining key themes such as: the policy’s recent pilot projects, future trends, evolving the policy, connectedness, returning Irish citizens and increased diaspora mobility.</i></p>

<p>13.00 – 14.30</p>	<p align="center">- Lunch & Networking Opportunity -</p> <p>Breakout session on mental health with input from key speakers and practitioners</p> <p align="center"><i>Moderator: Helena Keleher (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Key Speakers:</i> <i>Senator Joan Freeman (Pieta House)</i> <i>Catherine Hennessy (Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy)</i></p>
<p>14.30 – 16.00</p>	<p align="center">Panel Discussion:</p> <p align="center">‘Communicating Better in a Digital Age: Using New Tools to Stay Connected’</p> <p align="center"><i>Panel discussion with Q&A examining the use of the latest communications technologies and strategies to increase connectedness with and among Global Irish communities, groups and individuals.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Moderator: Ralph Victory (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)</i> <i>Emine Etili (Twitter)</i> <i>Theo Lomas (Facebook)</i> <i>Deirdre Ní Luasaigh (Culture Ark)</i></p>
<p>16.00 – 16.15</p>	<p align="center">- Tea & Coffee / Networking Opportunity -</p>
<p>16.15 – 17.40</p>	<p align="center">Panel Discussion:</p> <p align="center">‘Imagining an Irish Culture for the Future – Representing a new Ireland and engaging future generations of the Irish abroad’</p> <p align="center"><i>Panel discussion with Q&A examining the opportunities to use Irish cultural activities and supports to reach greater numbers and locations of the Irish diaspora. With a special presentation on the recently launched Creative Ireland’</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Moderator: John Concannon (Creative Ireland)</i> <i>Eithne Considine Shankar (Irish Film Festival Ottawa)</i> <i>Aidan Connolly (New York Irish Arts Centre)</i> <i>Pat Daly (GAA Director of Games Development & Research)</i></p>
<p>18.00 – 20.00</p>	<p align="center">Evening Networking Event:</p> <p align="center">‘Connecting Irish communities abroad with Irish business,’</p> <p align="center"><i>Hosted by Minister for the Diaspora, Joe McHugh TD and with special guests from Irish industry & business and the Houses of the Oireachtas.</i></p>



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	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Friday 5th May</i></p>
<p>09.00 – 10.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation: 'A Department Innovating to Support our Citizens Abroad'</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presentations by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials working on the range of supports for the Irish abroad, including on Passport and Consular services</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ann Derwin (Director General, Global Irish Services)</i> <i>Pat Bourne (Director, Consular Services)</i> <i>Fiona Penollar (Head of Reform Project, Passport Office)</i></p>
<p>10.00 – 10.30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>- Tea & Coffee, Q&A Opportunity with Passport and Consular Units, including online demos for new on-line passport system –</i></p>
<p>10.30– 11.45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion: 'Voting Rights in Presidential Elections'</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Panel discussion with Q&A examining the main options set out in the recently published Options Paper on voting at presidential elections by citizens resident outside the State</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderator: Dearbhail McDonald (Group Business Editor, Irish News and Media)</i> <i>Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government Simon Coveney, T.D</i> <i>Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development Joe McHugh, T.D</i> <i>Senator Billy Lawless (Seanad Éireann)</i> <i>Dr Iseult Honohan (University College Dublin)</i></p>
<p>11.50 – 13.15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Workshops (Round One)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Better Governance for the 21st Century: Presidents Room</i> 2. <i>Better Governance for the 21st Century: La Touche Room</i> 3. <i>Fundraising Strategies and Diversification: Guard Room</i> 4. <i>Cultural Heritage Programming: Crown Jewels Room</i> 5. <i>Planning for the Future and New Diaspora Needs: Bedford Hall</i>

	<p><i>Allocated workshops examining issues such as: best practice, current trends, regulatory frameworks, evolving resources and other key themes, for organisations funded by the Government of Ireland's Emigrant Support Programme.</i></p>
<p>13.15– 14.30</p>	<p align="center">- Lunch & Networking Opportunity -</p> <p align="center"><i>Breakout session on supporting and maximising opportunities for returning emigrants with input from key speakers and practitioners</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Moderator: Ann Derwin (Director General, Global Irish Services)</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Key Speakers:</i> <i>Tim O'Connor (Diaspora Adviser and Former Senior Diplomat)</i> <i>Sarah Owens (Crosscare Migrant Project)</i> <i>James Parnell (Irish Times)</i></p>
<p>14.35– 16.00</p>	<p align="center">Workshops (Round Two)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Better Governance for the 21st Century: Presidents Room</i> <i>2. Better Governance for the 21st Century: La Touche Room</i> <i>3. Fundraising Strategies and Diversification: Guard Room</i> <i>4. Cultural Heritage Programming: Crown Jewels Room</i> <i>5. Planning for the Future and New Diaspora Needs: Bedford Hall</i> <p><i>Allocated workshops examining issues such as: best practice, current trends, regulatory frameworks, evolving resources and other key themes, for organisations funded by the Government of Ireland's Emigrant Support Programme.</i></p>
<p>16.00 – 16.25</p>	<p align="center">- Tea & Coffee / Networking Opportunity -</p>
<p>16.30 – 17.30</p>	<p align="center">Wrap-up Session</p> <p><i>Reporting from workshops and closing event with closing speech by Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Niall Burgess</i></p>