



Youth Policy Conference

National University of Ireland, Maynooth

25-26 June 2014

Outline Schedule

Session 1. Wednesday 25 June 2.00-6.00pm

European and International Developments: Overview, Update and Analysis

Chair: **Howard Williamson**, Professor of European Youth Policy, University of South Wales

Topics

- Two major new research publications (2014) - *The Social Situation of Young People in Europe*; *The Value of Youth Work in the European Union*
- Erasmus + (EU Programme for Education, Training, Youth & Sport 2014-2020)
- *EU Youth Strategy 2010-2018*
- Council of Europe's *Agenda 2020*
- Youth Partnership of the European Commission and the Council of Europe

Contributions from: European Commission, Youth Unit (Directorate General for Education & Culture); Council of Europe, Youth Directorate; Eurofound (European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions); National Youth Council of Ireland.

Launch of the NUI Maynooth **Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence in Youth Work Education and Training**

Session 2. Thursday 26 June 9.30am-1.00pm

"Costello and after...": Thirty Years of Irish Youth Policy

Chair: **Fran McVeigh**, Manager, Poppintree Community Youth Project, Dublin

Opening address: Mr **Charlie Flanagan T.D.**, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

Theme: On the 30th anniversary of the Final Report of the *National Youth Policy Committee* (Costello Report, 1984).....where have we come from; what were the milestones; what have we learned?

Contributions from **Maurice Devlin** (NYPC researcher 1983-84), **Fergus O’Ferrall** (advisor to Minister of State for Youth & Sport 1983-87, historian and policy specialist), members of the NYPC.

Panellists representing diverse perspectives on *practice, policy, research and education & training* in the youth field, 1984-2014.

Session 3. Thursday 26 June 2.00-5.00pm

Looking ahead...

Chair: **Anne Connolly**, Chairperson, National Youth Work Advisory Committee

Presentation of
Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People

by **Jim Breslin**, Secretary General, Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Workshops exploring thematic, sectoral and organisational perspectives on the National Policy Framework, including links with the European/international dimensions

Plenary discussion and conclusions

REGISTRATION

There is no attendance fee but places are limited and will be on a “first come” basis.

To **register**, email name and organisational affiliation to youthwork@nuim.ie (Closing 13 June 2014 but early registration advised).

Please indicate clearly if intending to attend one day (or session) only.

Tea and coffee will be provided during all sessions. Lunch will be available *for purchase* on both days.

Accommodation may be booked (*separately* from registration) for the night of Wednesday 25 June. For information email front.desk@nuim.ie with subject line: Youth Policy Conference Accommodation

