

## **Women's Aid: 50-Year Anniversary One Day Conference** **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/111806>)**



**Registration is now open**

**Join us for the Women's Aid 50-Year Anniversary One Day Conference, Clayton Hotel, Cardiff Lane, Dublin 2.**

**Maintaining Momentum towards gender equality with a zero tolerance of violence against women, Thursday 21st November 2024**

Register your place today! Book your conference place and ticket to your preferred morning & afternoon workshop. [Click here.](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/womens-aid-50th-anniversary-conference-tickets-1032895587507?aff=oddtcreator) (<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/womens-aid-50th-anniversary-conference-tickets-1032895587507?aff=oddtcreator>)

**9am – 9.30am Registration and Networking**

**9.30am – 10am Welcome**

- Ailbhe Smyth, Chair of Women's Aid
- Opening Address by Guest Speaker
- Natalya O'Flaherty, 'Think' Spoken Word Performance

**10am – 11am Plenary Session 1: Panel Discussion - Domestic Abuse and Gender Inequality - advancements in Irish society over five decades, prevailing challenges and opportunities for change.**

- Sarah Benson, CEO, Women's Aid.
- Denise Charlton, CEO, Community Foundation Ireland.
- Sean Cooke, Men's Development Network
- Nicola Hanney, coercive control survivor and author.
- Stephanie O'Keeffe, CEO, CUAN, the Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency
- Moderated by Sarah McInerney, journalist and broadcaster.

**11am-11.30am Coffee Break & Exhibitions**

**11.30am-1pm Breakaway Parallel Sessions 1-3**

**Session 1: Disabled Women's Experience of Intimate Partner Abuse**

- Susan Flynn & Gladys O'Neill, Research Team, Trinity College Dublin
- Nem Kearns, gender-based violence advocate

- Sarah Benson, CEO, Women's Aid
- Liz Pena, Head of Services Development, CUAN, the Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency.
- Moderated by Ailbhe Smyth, academic, activist and chair of Women's Aid.

## **Session 2: Facing Reality: Addressing Pornography and the role it plays in violence against women and children, including image based sexual abuse.**

- Mary Hayes, Too Into You co-ordinator, Women's Aid.
- Ruth Breslin, Director, The SERP Institute.
- Alex Cooney, CEO, Cybersafe Kids.
- Mick Moran, CEO, Hotline.ie.
- Moderated by Ali Ryan, founder Goss.ie

## **Session 3: The cost of domestic abuse to women and families, the barriers to safety and the importance of an intersectional approach to zero tolerance of gender-based violence.**

- Eavan Ward, Head of Regional Services, Women's Aid.
- Louise Bayliss, Campaign Co-ordinator, Focus Ireland.
- Dr. Rosaleen McDonagh, activist, playwright, author, and Traveller.
- Megan Connors, Violence against Women programme, Pavee Point.
- Dr. Salome Mbugua Henry, CEO, AkiDWA.
- Moderated by Suzanna Knight, Head of Training and Development, Women's Aid

**1pm – 2.15pm Lunch & Exhibitions Restaurant & Main Foyer**

## **2.15pm-3.45pm Breakaway Parallel Sessions 4-6**

### **Session 4: Understanding and addressing coercive control and its impact on women and children.**

- Dr. Emma Katz, researcher and international expert on coercive control.
- Professor Stephanie Holt, Trinity College Dublin.
- Clíona Golden, Associate, Arthur Cox LLP.
- Stephanie Whyte, Head of Services, Barnardos.
- Mary-Louise Lynch, Founder, SiSi.
- Moderated by Margaret Martin, former CEO Women's Aid and current member of the Board of the National Women's Council.

### **Session 5: Eradicating domestic abuse and gender inequality through partnerships and whole of society action.**

- Marisa Ryan, Head of Strategic Partnerships, CUAN the Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency.
- Hannah Wayte, Employer Engagement Project Leader, Women's Aid.
- Dr. Michelle Walsh, CEO, MOVE.
- Colm Noonan, Chief Superintendent, An Garda Síochána.
- Orla O'Connor, Chair, Irish Observatory on Violence against Women.
- Moderated by Ellen O'Malley Dunlop, Vice President of CoE GREVIO committee.

### **Session 6: The importance of men's leadership in pursuit of zero tolerance of violence against women and for gender equality.**

- Eoghan Cleary, secondary school teacher and assistant principal and SPHE and well-being expert.
- Sean Cooke, CEO, Men's Development Network.
- Ivan Cooper, CEO, The Wheel.
- Geoff Sparling, Chief Customer Officer, Allianz Insurance.
- Moderated by Sarah Benson, CEO, Women's Aid.

**3.45pm –4pm Coffee Break & Exhibitions**

## 4pm Plenary Session 2

- Insights and reflections from breakaway parallel sessions 1-6 by rapporteurs
- Chaired by Sarah Benson

## 4.30pm Keynote Address

- Norah Casey, entrepreneur, broadcaster, publisher and campaigner on women's leadership and equality, nationally and globally.

## 4.50pm Closing Session

- Sarah Benson, CEO, Women's Aid.
- Natalya O'Flaherty, Not Like Other Girls Spoken Word Performance
- 5pm-7pm Reception & networking

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This event is free of charge. The venue is fully accessible. We will endeavour to provide Irish Sign Language Interpretation, where possible.

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### **Region**

Dublin 2

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### **Date Entered/Updated**

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### **Expiry Date**

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