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BELFAST

25TH - 27TH MAY 2016

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HUMAN RIGHTS

A 21ST CENTURY
APPROACH TO THE
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 25 May 2016 *PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, STORMONT*

Welcome Reception and Dinner (Lounge Suits)
Hosted by the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Thursday 26 May (DAY) *STORMONT HOTEL*

Welcome

Dr Tom Frawley (Former Northern Ireland Ombudsman) &
Les Allamby (Chief Human Rights Commissioner for Northern Ireland)

UN Message of Support (by video)

Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein (UN High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Keynote Speaker Emily O'Reilly (European Ombudsman)

Think Regional, Think Global Panel Discussion & Q&A with:
Emily O'Reilly (European Ombudsman) Chair of Panel
Dr Gunter Krauter (Austrian Ombudsman)
Professor Michael O'Flaherty (Director, Fundamental Rights Agency)

Human Rights Based Approach - An Introduction

Virginia McVea (Director, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission - NIHRC)

Human Rights Based Approach - Applied Human Rights

Les Allamby (Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission)

Human Rights Based Approach - Making A Difference in the NI Ombudsman's Investigations

Marie Anderson (Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman - NIPSO)

Workshops

Education: David Russell (NIHRC) & Claire McIlhatton (NIPSO)

Environmental Issues: Brian Thompson (Liverpool University) & Sean Martin (NIPSO)

Health & Social Care: Nick O'Brien (Tribunal Judge) & Michaela McAleer (NIPSO)

Housing: Virginia McVea (NIHRC) & Grainia Long (NIHRC)

Building Capacity in the Ombudsman

Professor Linda Reif (University of Alberta) &
Mr Peter Tyndall (Republic of Ireland Ombudsman)

Human Rights Based Approach - Adding Value in Public Service

Dr Cathy Jack (Belfast Health and Social Care Trust)
Dr Anthony Stevens (Northern Health and Social Care Trust)
Dr Michael Maguire (Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland)

Thursday 26 May (EVENING) *BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE*

Gala Dinner (Black Tie)

Friday 27 May 2016 *STORMONT HOTEL*

Welcome to Day 2

Dr Tom Frawley (Former Northern Ireland Ombudsman)
& Les Allamby (Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission)

Keynote Address

Raphael Rebo (Catalonia Ombudsman)

Effectiveness of Ombudsmen and NHRIs in Delivering Human Rights Outcomes

Presentation, Panel Discussion and Q&A with:
John Walters (International Ombudsman Institute)
Lawrence Mushwana (South African, Human Rights Commission)
Evelyn Collins (Chair, Equinet)
Michaela McAleer (Director, NIPSO Office)

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THE GREAT DEBATE

NHRIs and Complaints Handling - Is the Human Rights Based Approach a Solution?

Presentations, Panel Discussion & Q&A with:
Professor Carrie Menkel-Meadow (University of California)
Professor Maurice Sunkin (University of Essex)
Virginia McVea (Director, NIHRC)

The Way Forward Panel Discussion & Q&A with:

Marie Anderson (NIPSO)
Emily O'Reilly (European Ombudsman)
Les Allamby (NIHRC)
John Walters (IOI)

Close

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Anyone working in a senior position in the Ombudsman and Human Rights Investigation environment.

DELEGATE COSTS AND BOOKING

Full Conference Delegate: An 'Early Bird' price of £299 per delegate is available until 31st March 2016. Thereafter the full delegate price of £350 will apply. This price covers all Conference activities including the two Conference Dinners. Travelling or accommodation costs are not included.

One Day Only Delegate: To attend the Conference for one day only (either Thursday 26 May or Friday 27 May 2016) a delegate price of £150 will apply.

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