

International Ombudsman Institute | NI Public Services Ombudsman

Taking the Initiative:

Exploring best practice in the exercise of Own Initiative investigation powers

Own Initiative Event – Draft Programme

**Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd October, 2018
(Parliament Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast)**

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Morning: ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Afternoon: PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, Stormont Estate, Belfast

- 12pm** Welcome by the Assembly Speaker
Mr Robin Newton MBE, MLA (tbc)
- 12.10pm** Overview of the event's themes and the programme by
Mrs Marie Anderson, Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman
- 12.25pm** Address on the local context by **Mr Paul McFadden**, Northern Ireland Public Services Deputy Ombudsman
- 1pm** Buffet lunch and networking
- 2pm** Presentation of IOI Best Practice Paper on the use of Own Initiative powers by **Mr Peter Tyndall**, Ombudsman and Information Commissioner for Ireland, and President of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI); followed by Q&A
- 3pm** Tea and coffee
- 3.30pm** **Workshop Session:**
- Human Rights-Based Approach to investigation**
- Chair:** Mr Les Allamby (Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission)
- Speakers:** Mrs Marie Anderson (NIPSO)
Prof. Linda Reif (University of Alberta)
followed by Q&A
- 4.30pm** Wrap-up and capture session, with outline of the second day of the programme, by **Mrs Marie Anderson**

Evening: BELFAST CITY HALL, Belfast City Centre

- 7.00pm** Drinks reception
- 7.30pm** Event Dinner led by **Mr Peter Tyndall**, and **Mrs Marie Anderson**

Tuesday 23rd October, 2018 (Parliament buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast)

Morning:

ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES TO PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

10am Key note address by **Ms Emily O'Reilly**, European Ombudsman (tbc)

10.30am

Workshop Session:

Choosing an issue to investigate using Own Initiative powers

Chair: Ms Ulrike Grieshofer (IOI Executive Director)

Panel: Mr Reinier van Zutphen (Netherlands Ombudsman)
+2 further ombudsmen panellists (tbc)

11.10am

Discussion facilitated by Panel Chair, **followed by Q&A**

Afternoon:

12.30pm

Buffet lunch and networking

1pm

Workshop Session:

What is the value of an Own Initiative Investigation?

Chair: Mrs Marie Anderson (NIPSO)

Panel: Mr Paul Dubé (Ontario Ombudsman)
Prof Linda Reif (University of Alberta)
+1 further panellist (tbc)

1.45pm

Discussion facilitated by Panel Chair, **followed by Q&A**

2.30pm

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