



Social Inclusion Forum 2018

Social Inclusion in a Changing Environment



European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland

Preparatory Meeting

The Social Inclusion Forum (SIF) is part of the structures put in place by the Government to support the development and implementation of its plans to address poverty and social exclusion. The event provides a forum for consultation and discussion on social inclusion issues, particularly with people experiencing poverty and social exclusion and the groups that work with them.

In 2018, the theme of the SIF is *Social Inclusion in a Changing Environment*. It will explore issues such as using the Public Sector Duty as a tool for change; Strengthening the voice of the Social Inclusion Forum; Equality Proofing Public Expenditure; Childcare Policies; and Community Work at local level. There will also be a discussion on using the Sustainable Development Goals

The consultation process will include a **series of regional meetings and focus groups hosted by Community Work Ireland and EAPN Ireland** that will inform a wider consultation process at the annual Social Inclusion Forum.

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Wednesday 18 th April	10m – 1pm	Castleblaney, Co.Monaghan	Iontas Centre, Conabury, Castleblaney, Co.Monaghan
Friday April 20 th	11am-1.30pm	Ennis, Co. Clare	Old Ground Hotel, Ennis
Tuesday 24 th April	10am – 1pm	Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	Regional Cultural Centre, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Wednesday 25 th April	11am – 1.30pm	Tipperary	Knockanrawley Resource Centre, Knockanrawley, Tipperary Town
Thursday 26 th April	10am – 1pm	Kilcoole. Co. Wicklow	Kilcoole Community Centre, Lott Lane, Kilcoole. Co. Wicklow
Wednesday 2 nd May	11am – 1.30pm	Cork	Cork Traveller Visibility Group, 25 Lower John Street, Cork

EAPN Ireland and the CWI would like to encourage the participation of people with direct experience of issues that emerge from the regional workshops at the Social Inclusion Forum in Dublin. A small budget is available to support the participation costs (travel and childcare) of a number of people from the regional workshops from unfunded or under- funded groups and unwaged individuals to attend the SIF. Please let us know when registering for the regional workshops if you wish to avail of this support.

SIF 2018, Thursday, May 10th 9.15am – 4pm, The Aviva Conference Centre, Lansdowne Road, D4
Registration for SIF will be available soon

To register for Monaghan, Donegal or Wicklow please email enquiries@eapn.ie. To register for Clare, Tipperary or Cork please email info@communityworkireland.ie. Further details will follow