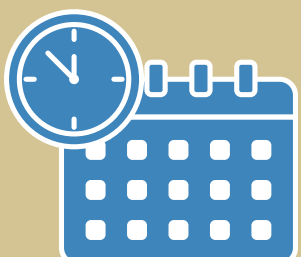


NATIONAL INTEGRATION CONFERENCE

AGENDA

- 08:30 AM Event Registration
- 09:00 AM Welcome Address
Brian Killoran, CEO, Immigrant Council of Ireland
- 09:10 AM Keynote Address
Dr Eburn Joseph, Special Rapporteur on Racial Equality and Racism in Ireland
- 09:30 AM Panel: International Perspectives on Migrant Integration
Moderator: Brian Killoran, Immigrant Council of Ireland
Speaker: Meghan Benton, Migration Policy Institute
Marton Bisztrai, Hungarian Refugee Support Worker
Ayse Melis Ari-Gurhanli, Finland
Ina Schoeneberg, Federal Ministry of the Interior & Community, Germany
- 11:00 AM Break
- 11:30AM Breakout Sessions 1-4
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- 12:45PM Lunch
- 1:45 PM Breakout Sessions 5-8
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- 3:00 PM Break
- 3:15 PM Panel: Migrant Integration in Ireland
Moderator: Emma Lane Spollen, Ukraine Civil Society Forum
Speaker: Brian Killoran, Immigrant Council of Ireland
Balume Dube, Donegal Intercultural Platform
Yvonne O'Brien, Louth County Council
David Delaney, Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth
Esther Osayimwen
- 4:45 PM Recognition Awards
- 5:30 PM Conference Close



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BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1-4

11:30-12:45 **Migrants Access to Education**

Ballroom

Immigrant Council of Ireland

Education is recognised as an important aspect of integration and access to third level education is well understood as a tool to facilitate social mobility and equality of opportunity. However some groups of migrants face barriers in accessing education and in progressing to third level education as a direct result of the type of residence permission they hold. Of particular concern to the Immigrant Council is that certain groups of migrants cannot access SUSI supports. This session will bring together experts in education, migrant leaders working to support access to education and people with lived experience of the barriers faced by migrants to discuss these issues and propose solutions to the problems identified.

Moderator: Mary Henderson, Solicitor, Immigrant Council of Ireland

Speaker: Donnah Vuma, Doras
Siobhan O'Reilly, Children's Rights Alliance
Emer Nowlan, Educate Together
Abdulai Mansaray

11:30-12:45 **Building a multipolar society through sustainable community development**

Trinity Suite 1

4C's - Cavan Cross Cultural Community

4C is a coalition of different organisations or communities working on a common goal or cause while maintaining individual identities. These groups unite to combine resources, expertise and efforts to achieve a shared objective, often in areas such as advocacy, public health, social change or community development. This session will look at the model that is being used by 4C.

Speaker: Marisa Goldstone, 4C
Elizabeth Wilson Higgins, Cavan Women Network
Zeinab El Mustafa, Cavan Volunteer Centre
Teresa Walsh, Fair Green Community Garden
Zaurbek Musaeu, Cavan Islamic Community

11:30-12:45 **Building a response to Hate and Division**

Trinity Suite 2

Hope and Courage Collective

The Hope and Courage Collective will facilitate an interactive workshop on understanding hate and division and how organisations, communities and groups can develop inclusive narratives to persuade people away from disinformation and hate.

Speaker: Niamh McDonald, Director of Community Engagement and Advocacy, Hope and Courage Collective

11:30-12:45 **Manifesting Migrant Voices in Elections**

Swift Room

Immigrant Council of Ireland

This Breakout Session is only for people of a migrant background Political parties before a General Election publish their election manifestos containing the set of policies that the party wishes to implement if elected to govern. During this workshop participants will create a migrant-led election manifesto for the upcoming Irish General Elections to represent migrant voters' needs in policy-making.

Speaker: Teresa Buczkowska, Political Participation Coordinator, Immigrant Council of Ireland

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 5-8

- 13:45-15:00 **The challenging environment for International Protection Applicants** *Ballroom*
Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland (MASI)
In the past year we have seen a rise in anti migrants groups in Ireland of which the far right movement has been targeting the most vulnerable groups in this country, protesting almost daily in front of the direct protection centres. This has caused fear and despair on applicants as these protests become ugly and violent at times. We will also touch on the suggestions we think needed for the future, and highlight the role of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in this country.
Speaker: Lucky Khambule, MASI Coordinator
Alice Mhlope
- 13:45-15:00 **Resistance on Integration in the Host Community** *Trinity Suite 1*
Ukrainian Action in Ireland
A thought-provoking conversation on how to tackle resistance and build resilience in host communities. We'll explore how applying insights from change management can facilitate successful integration.
Speaker: Olena Redrugina, Co-Founder, Ukrainian Action in Ireland
- 13:45-15:00 **Promoting Social Inclusion and Community Engagement for Muslim Migrant Women** *Trinity Suite 2*
Muslim Sisters of Eire
This session will explore the unique challenges and opportunities faced by Muslim migrant women in their efforts to integrate into their new communities. By focusing on social inclusion and community engagement, the session aims to highlight effective strategies and initiatives that foster inclusive neighborhoods and support Muslim women in navigating everyday challenges. Participants will examine case studies of successful community integration programs, discuss ways to overcome language barriers, and address issues such as housing, transportation, and access to public services. The session will also delve into the importance of cultural and religious preservation, the role of education and lifelong learning, and the empowerment of Muslim women through civic engagement and leadership.
Speaker: Lorraine O'Connor, Founder, Muslim Sisters of Eire
Aisha Ali, Vice-Chair, Muslim Sisters of Eire
Jameela Abounah, Muslim Sisters of Eire
Alkawthar Youcef, Vice-Chair, Muslim Girls of Eire
Fatima Youcef, Committee Member, Muslim Girls of Eire
- 13:45-15:00 **Eastern European migrants' perspective on migration and integration 20 years since the EU enlargement** *Swift Room*
Forum Polonia
This year marks the 20th anniversary of the EU enlargement which opened the route for Eastern European migration to Ireland. Collectively Eastern Europeans are the largest migrant group in Ireland. The panel discussion will bring Eastern European migrants' perspectives on their experiences of migration and integration in Ireland.