

National Economic Dialogue 2018

BUILDING A STRONG, SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT MIXED
ECONOMY TOGETHER

PRINTWORKS CONFERENCE CENTRE, DUBLIN CASTLE, 27-28 JUNE 2018

Detailed Programme:

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2018

08:45

REGISTRATION

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09:30

OPENING SESSION

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THEME: BUILDING A STRONG, SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT
MIXED ECONOMY TOGETHER

OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Alan Barrett

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks

STREAMING: Session will be live streamed

09:30 Opening Address



An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D.

09:45 Understanding the Context: Economic Perspectives
Macroeconomic Outlook



Professor Kieran McQuinn, Economic and Social Research Institute

10:05 Discussion facilitated by overall Chair

12:30

LUNCH

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14:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS COMMENCE

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TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT

17:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS (7) CONCLUDE

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DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2018 – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

14:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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1. BREAKOUT 1 – FISCAL POLICY IN THE APPROACH TO FULL EMPLOYMENT

CHAIR: Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform,
Paschal Donohoe T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Dr Donal De Buitléir

VENUE: Poddle Room, Printworks

2. BREAKOUT 2 – BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT AGRI-FOOD SECTOR

CHAIR: Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed, T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Jane Williams

VENUE: Hibernia Plenary Hall

3. BREAKOUT 3 – REFORMS FOR SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH

CHAIR: Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys,
T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Dr Adele Bergin

VENUE: President's room, Hibernia

4. BREAKOUT 4 – SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO ADDRESS HOUSING SUPPLY

CHAIR: Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government,
Eoghan Murphy T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Dr Larry O'Connell

VENUE: Courtyard Room 1, Printworks

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5. BREAKOUT 5 – TRANSITIONING TO A LOW CARBON AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT SOCIETY

CHAIR: Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten, T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Professor Edgar Morgenroth

VENUE: Chesterfield, Hibernia

6. BREAKOUT 6 – CHALLENGES FOR STATE PENSION FUNDING INTO THE FUTURE

CHAIR: Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Regina Doherty, T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Dr Tom Arnold

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks

7. BREAKOUT 7 – TOWARDS INCLUSIVE GROWTH: CHILDCARE AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

CHAIR: Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr Katherine Zappone, T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Niamh O'Donoghue

VENUE: La Touche, Hibernia

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DAY 2 – THURSDAY 28TH JUNE 2018

08:30

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

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09:00

PLENARY SESSION

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THEME: Feedback from Breakout Sessions

OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Alan Barrett

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks

STREAMING: Session will be live streamed

09:00 Reports from rapporteurs on breakout sessions

09:35 Discussion of emerging themes followed by policy reflections

11:00

COFFEE BREAK

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11:30

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

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OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Alan Barrett

VENUE: Plenary Hall

STREAMING: Session will be live streamed

11.30 Chair's summary

11:45 Closing Remarks



Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform,
Paschal Donohoe T.D.

12:00

END OF EVENT- LUNCH PROVIDED

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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

ROLE OF THE OVERALL CHAIR

The Overall Chair, who will be independent, will be responsible for:

- Chairing all plenary sessions
- Ensuring that discussions remain on track and within the overall framework
- Inviting participants to speak
- Imposing strict time limits as necessary
- Preparing the Chair's Summary of Discussions for publication

The assistance of officials will be provided to the Chair, if requested, for note taking and in preparing the Summary Document.

The decision of the Chair in calling on participants to speak and in deciding on time limits will be final.

ROLE OF THE BREAKOUT CHAIRS

The breakout sessions will be chaired by Members of the Government. With the support of rapporteurs they will be responsible for:

- Chairing the breakout sessions
- Ensuring that discussions remain on track and within the overall framework
- Ensuring that as far as possible all participants in breakout sessions have an opportunity to contribute
- Enforcing time limits

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ROLE OF THE RAPPORTEURS

An independent rapporteur will be appointed for each of the breakout sessions. The role of each rapporteur will include:

- Supporting the session Chair in ensuring that the discussion remains focused on the main topic and guiding questions
- Intervening during the session to highlight commonalities, contradictions or inconsistencies between different contributions.
- Intervening during the session to ensure that the discussion does not lose sight of the overall budgetary framework and the EU fiscal rules.
- Intervening during the session to highlight relevant issues which may be overlooked.
- Drawing together different strands of the discussion for the summary.
- Producing (overnight) a written summary report of the breakout session discussion. This will be incorporated in the overall Chair's report of the Dialogue, which will be publicly available.
- Drawing on this written summary report of the breakout session to deliver an oral report of the discussion to the plenary sessions on the second day of the Dialogue.

The assistance of officials will be provided to the rapporteur, if requested, for note taking and in preparing the summary document.

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GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Mutual respect should be shown to all participants and participants should not interrupt other participants.
- Time limits imposed by Chairs or rapporteurs should be respected in order to ensure that all participants have the opportunity to contribute.
- Plenary sessions will be public and live streamed. A recording of the plenary sessions may also be kept.
- Contributions on the plenary sessions may be attributed.
- Breakout sessions will not be live streamed.
- Rapporteurs' summaries from breakout sessions will not attribute individual contributions.
- Both the rapporteurs' summaries and the Overall Chair's summary will be produced under the sole authority of the rapporteur / Overall Chair and should not be perceived or understood in anyway as agreed documents.
- Attendance at breakout sessions will generally be on a first requested / first facilitated basis. It may, however, be necessary to restrict attendance in some sessions owing to size constraints and to ensure a good mix of participants across all sessions.

MEDIA ATTENDANCE

- Plenary sessions will be live streamed and open to full media coverage.
- A media room and interview space will be provided. Media will be free to use the interview space for engagements with participants as wished.
- Media will try to ensure that their movements and activities do not interfere with the flow of discussion of participants.

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BIOGRAPHIES

CHAIR

MR ALAN BARRETT

Alan Barrett is Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI). He began his career with the ESRI in 1994, following the completion of his doctoral studies at Michigan State University. Between 2001 and 2003 he was seconded to the Department of Finance. Between 2011 and 2013, he spent another period on secondment, this time at Trinity College Dublin. He is a Research Fellow with the Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA) in Bonn, Germany and an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland. He was a member of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council from 2011 to 2015.

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SPEAKERS

PROFESSOR KIERAN MCQUINN

Kieran McQuinn is a Research Professor who works on the quarterly economic commentary (QEC) and housing related projects. His research interests include house prices, economic growth and household finance. He spent over 11 years working in the Irish Central Bank where he had management positions in the research and financial stability areas. He started his career in University College Cork and then joined Teagasc, the Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority, where he worked for over 5 years as a research economist. Professor McQuinn has a PhD in economics from NUI Maynooth.

Professor McQuinn has published in a broad number of international and domestic journals and is Adjunct Professor of Economics at both University College Cork and Trinity College Dublin. He is also currently an associate editor of the Economic and Social Review and a current council member of Economic and Social Studies.

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RAPPORTEURS

PROFESSOR EDGAR MORGENROTH

Professor Edgar Morgenroth is full Professor of Economics in DCU Business School, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland. He is also an independent member of the National Economic and Social Council (NESC), a Fellow of the UK Academy of Social Sciences and a Fellow of the Regional Studies Association having served as its vice chairman and treasurer. He has held positions at the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) for almost twenty years, and has worked at Keele University and the Strategic Investment Board (SIB).

Professor Morgenroth holds a PhD in Economics from Keele University in the UK, and Bachelor's (Economics and Geography) and Masters (Economics and Finance) degrees from Maynooth University. He is also an alumnus of Boston College, having been awarded a Diploma in Urban Economic Development in Boston (MA).

His research interests include economic policy, regional development, public economics and trade. Among his recent work are studies on the possible impact of Brexit, estimates of tax revenue elasticities, the impact of infrastructure on firm location and the effect of privatisation of enterprise efficiency. His work is widely published including papers in eminent Journals such as the Journal of International Economics, Journal of Corporate Finance, Regional Studies, the Journal of Regional Science and Papers in Regional Science.

NIAMH O'DONOGHUE

Niamh O'Donoghue served as the Secretary General of the Department of Social Protection from 2010 to 2017 and the Director General of the Department of Social and Family Affairs from 2007 to 2010. Her Civil Service Career includes roles in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, the Civil Service Commission, the Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture. She has over 30 years of experience in Organisation Leadership, Governance, Human Resource Management, Policy Analysis and Strategic Planning.

She has been a Board member at the Institute of Public Administration, Common Purpose Ireland, and the International Social Security Association. She is currently a Board Member of the Football Association of Ireland, acting as Chairperson of the Women's Football Committee.

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DR DONAL DE BUITLÉIR

Dr Donal de Buitléir is Chairman of the Low Pay Commission and the Chartered Accountants Regulatory Board.

He was formerly Director of Publicpolicy.ie- an independent think tank funded by Atlantic Philanthropies. Previously he worked in AIB Group and in the Irish public service. He was Secretary to the Commission on Taxation from 1980-85 and was a Board Member of the Health Services Executive from 2005-09.

After leaving the civil service he chaired or was a member of Government Review bodies in the areas of local government reform, third level education, business regulation, health services financial management and taxation and welfare policy.

Dr Donal de Buitléir is Director of the Irish Fiscal Policy Research Centre. He was Secretary to the Commission on Taxation (1980-85). Subsequently he served in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners and had responsibility for VAT and Corporation Tax administration. He was a member of the 1992 Ruding Committee on corporation tax. He was awarded an Eisenhower Fellowship in 1987 during which he studied the US Tax Reform of 1986.

He is a former Chairman of the Irish Foundation for Fiscal Studies and a Past President of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland.

DR LARRY O'CONNELL

Dr Larry O'Connell is the Senior Economist at the National Economic and Social Council (NESCC). His areas of work include urban development land, housing and infrastructure; climate, water and sustainable agriculture; and Ireland's transition to a low carbon future. He holds a degree in Agricultural Economics, an M.B.S and a PhD in Industrial Economics from University College Dublin.

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JANE WILLIAMS

Jane Williams is a businesswoman with established senior management, owner-management and board directorship experience, over 40 years, in Irish and international businesses and organisations. Functionally strong in corporate governance, strategy development and implementation, risk and change management, sales and marketing, finance and the core HR disciplines. Experienced in operating in most European and North American commercial environments. She is a recognised expert in small business and entrepreneurship development coming from the family export beef business and working with entrepreneurial food and other growing businesses.

Jane has a Business Studies degree from Trinity College and a Masters in Psychology from Columbia University, New York. Her professional training and qualification is as a banker. Jane is an accredited mediator. She is a former member of the Marketing Institute, the Institute of Directors in Ireland and the Institute of Management Consultants in Ireland. Jane has been a director or Chair of over 20 Boards over the last 25 years.

Her consulting practice spans a wide range of business sectors and not-for-profit organisations from manufacturing and service businesses, to utilities and regulated industries, educational institutions and charities, arts and sporting bodies.

DR ADELE BERGIN

Dr Adele Bergin is a Senior Research Officer at the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) in Dublin. She obtained her PhD in Economics from NUI Maynooth in 2011. Adele is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at Trinity College Dublin, a Research Fellow with the Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA) and a Council Member of the Irish Economics Association. Her research interests are in labour economics and macro-economic modelling. She has undertaken research projects on behalf of a wide range of organisations including the European Commission, the Department of Finance, the Central Bank of Ireland, SOLAS, Pobal, the Higher Education Authority, the Workplace Relations Commission and the Department of Health. She has published in a broad number of domestic and international journals and her recent research has examined topics such as skills mismatch in the labour market and modelling the medium- to long-term potential macroeconomic impact of Brexit on the Irish economy.

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TOM ARNOLD

Tom Arnold has served in senior positions in the public sector and in non-governmental organisations (NGOs) at Irish, European and international level. A graduate in Agricultural Economics from UCD, he worked with the European Commission in Brussels and Africa (1973-83). He subsequently served with ACOT (the farm advisory service) and the Department of Agriculture and Food as Chief Economist and Assistant Secretary General (1988-2001). He was Chief Executive of Concern Worldwide (2001- 13), Chairman of the Irish Constitutional Convention (2012-14), Interim Director of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement (2014-16) and Director General of the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA), (2013-17). He is currently Chair of the All Island Civic Dialogue on Brexit and of the EU Commission's Task Force on Rural Africa. He is a member of the Lead Group of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition: and the Malebo Montpellier Panel. He has Masters Degrees in Business Administration (University of Leuven) and in Strategic Management (Trinity College) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from the National University of Ireland and UCD.

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DIRECTIONS TO BREAKOUT ROOMS

1. BREAKOUT 1 – FISCAL POLICY IN THE APPROACH TO FULL EMPLOYMENT

- CHAIR:** Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe T.D.
- VENUE:** Poddle Room, Printworks
- DIRECTIONS:** The Poddle Room is within the Printworks building, follow signs within the lobby. Look for staff with session signs who will direct you to the session.

2. BREAKOUT 2 – BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT AGRI-FOOD SECTOR

- CHAIR:** Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed, T.D.
- VENUE:** Hibernia Plenary Hall
- DIRECTIONS:** The Hibernia Plenary Hall is on the lower ground floor of the Hibernia Building in the Upper Courtyard to the right. Follow signs to Hibernia. Look for staff with session signs who will direct you to the session.

3. BREAKOUT 3 – REFORMS FOR SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH

- CHAIR:** Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys, T.D.
- VENUE:** President's room, Hibernia
- DIRECTIONS:** President's room is located on the first floor of the Hibernia building in the Upper Courtyard to the right. Follow signs to Hibernia. Look for staff with session signs who will direct you to the session.

4. BREAKOUT 4 – SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO ADDRESS HOUSING SUPPLY

- CHAIR:** Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Eoghan Murphy T.D.
- VENUE:** Courtyard Room 1, Printworks
- DIRECTIONS:** The Courtyard 1 meeting room is within the Printworks building, follow signs within the lobby. Look for staff with session signs who will direct you to the session.

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5. BREAKOUT 5 – TRANSITIONING TO A LOW CARBON AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT SOCIETY

CHAIR: Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten, T.D.

VENUE: Chesterfield, Hibernia

DIRECTIONS: Chesterfield is located on the first floor of the Hibernia building in the Upper Courtyard to the right. Follow signs to Hibernia. Look for staff with session signs who will direct you to the session.

6. BREAKOUT 6 – CHALLENGES FOR STATE PENSION FUNDING INTO THE FUTURE

CHAIR: Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Regina Doherty, T.D.

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks

DIRECTIONS: This is the main conference hall in the Printworks building where the morning session was held.

7. BREAKOUT 7 – SUPPORTING FAMILIES: TOWARDS INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

CHAIR: Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr Katherine Zappone, T.D.

VENUE: La Touche, Hibernia

DIRECTIONS: La Touche is located on the ground floor of the Hibernia building in the Upper Courtyard to the right. Follow signs to Hibernia. Look for staff with session signs who will direct you to the session.

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HOUSEKEEPING

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The network '*Conference*' can be accessed using the code: **June-2018**

CLOAKROOM

Cloakroom facilities are available in the lobby of the Printworks Building.

INFORMATION DESK

Please contact staff at the registration desk in the lobby of the Printworks if you have any queries or require any assistance.

FURTHER INFORMATION

PHOTOGRAPHY

Please be advised that a photographer will be taking photographs during this event. Photographs may be published on the Department of Finance website. You will be asked in advance for your consent to have your photograph taken.

LIVE STREAM

Attendees should note that the NED will be live streamed on RTÉ News Now, RTE.ie and on the RTÉ Player.