

Simon Week Conference

Event Schedule



September 25, 2023



Spencer Hotel, Dublin 1

9:30 - 10:00

Arrivals - Tea and Coffee at the Columba Suite

10:05 - 10:15

Welcome

Mick Price Chairperson, Simon Communities of Ireland

10:15 - 10:30

Opening Address

James Browne Minister of State with responsibility for Law Reform and Youth Justice

10:30 - 11:00

Keynote Speaker

Gregg Colburn, Associate professor at the University of Washington's College of Built Environments and co-author of **Homelessness is a Housing Problem**

11:05- 12:00

Panel Discussion - Ending Homelessness when homelessness is not the only challenge. Do we need more or different?

Chaired by Michelle Norris Professor of Social Policy, UCD

Karen Ciesielski CEO, Irish Environmental Network

Tricia Keilthy Head of Social Justice, SVP

12:05- 1:00

Panel Discussion - Hidden Homelessness: Understanding what we can't see.

Chaired by Wayne Stanley Executive Director, Simon Communities of Ireland

Joe Finnerty School of Applied Social Studies, UCC

Paula Mayock Associate Professor at the School of Social Work and Social Policy, TCD

1:00 - 2:00

Lunch

2:00- 3:00

Panel Discussion - Homelessness is a Housing Problem but also a personal Trauma. How do we respond effectively?

Chaired by Wayne Stanley Executive Director, Simon Communities of Ireland

Karen Feeney, Head of Client Services, Galway Simon

Mark Jordan, Head of Housing Support Services, Cork Simon

3:00- 4:20

Political Panel - Ending Homelessness by 2030.

Chaired by Michelle Norris Professor of Social Policy, UCD

Eoin Ó Broin Sinn Fein

Rebecca Moynihan Labour Party

Cian O'Callaghan Social Democrats

4:20 - 4:30

Closing Remarks



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