



## **The Convention on the Constitution: April 13th – 14th, 2013**

This meeting is to report recommendations to the Houses of the Oireachtas on making a constitutional provision for same-sex marriage.

### **Saturday**

9.00 a.m. Participant Registration & Badging

9.30 a.m. Welcome by Chair

### **Advisory panel presentations**

9.40 a.m. Presentations by Gerard Durcan SC, with Sarah Fennell BL and Eimear Browne BL on the core issues

10.20 a.m. Q&A

10.35 a.m. Presentation by Professor Jim Sheehan followed by Q&A

**11.05 a.m. Break**

11.20 a.m. Roundtable Discussion

**12.20 p.m. Lunch**

### **Advocacy and other group presentations**

1.15 p.m. Presentations by representatives of the Gay and Lesbian Equality Network, the Irish Council of Civil Liberties and Marriage Equality (*Tiernan Brady, Muriel Walls, Stephen O'Hare, Moninne Griffith, Grainne Healy, Sandra Irwin-Gowran, Conor Pendergast, Clare O'Connell*)

1.45 p.m. Presentations by Fr. Tim Bartlett & Mrs. Breda McDonald, the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, Sean Mullan (Evangelical Alliance Ireland) and Colm Hagen (Order of the Knights of St. Columbanus).

2.15 p.m. Expert summary

2.30 p.m.	Roundtable Discussion
<b>3.30 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Break</i></b>
3.45 p.m.	Plenary session - participants to hear the emerging themes from the discussion at other tables
4.45 p.m.	Panel discussion/Q&A with Colm O’Gorman, ( <i>Amnesty Ireland</i> ), Dr. Conor O’Mahony ( <i>UCC</i> ), David Quinn ( <i>Iona Institute</i> ), Michael Dwyer ( <i>Preserve Marriage</i> ), Carol Coulter ( <i>former legal editor, The Irish Times</i> )
<b>5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chair concludes proceedings for evening.</b>
<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Dinner</i></b>
<b>Sunday</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Plenary - review of draft ballot papers
10.30 a.m.	Roundtable discussion
11.30 a.m.	Final Q&A with advisory panel members
<b>11.45 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Break and voting on the matters for decision</i></b>
12.15 p.m.	<i>Private Session: Arrangements for next meeting (Dáil Electoral System)</i>
12.45 p.m.	Announcement of Results
<b>13.00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Conclusion &amp; Lunch</i></b>