

Conference Programme

Tuesday 7th November 2006

12.45 pm	Registration opens & Exhibition Stands on view	
2.00 pm	Conference Opens	Chair: Anton Savage, Carr Communications
2.10 pm	Introduction, Welcome & Launch	Fr Harry Bohan, Chairman, The Céifin Centre for Values-led Change
	Ireland ~ Where are we now?	
2.40 pm	<i>The best of times, the worst of times</i>	Finola Kennedy, Economist & Author
3.15 pm	<i>What we have is what we want - applying the values of psychotherapy to our current social dilemmas</i>	Janet Murray, Director, The Tivoli Institute
3.50 pm	Tea/Coffee Break	
4.10 pm	<i>Crime in Ireland</i>	Paul Reynolds, Crime Correspondent, RTE
4.45 pm	Review and Q&A	
5.05 pm	Short Break	
5.30 pm	Telling My Story	Facilitator: Cian O'Siochain
	<i>Interculturalism: Ireland of the Welcomes?</i>	Nilton Vieira de Souza ~ Brazil Salome Mbugua Henry ~ Kenya Adam Rogalinski ~ Poland Katherine Chan Mullen ~ China
7.00 pm	End Day 1	
8.30 pm	Dinner & Céifin Award	Entertainment by <i>Euro Samba</i>

Wednesday 8th November 2006

8.15 am	Registration re-opens	
9.00 am	Envisioning a New Ireland	Chair: Rachael English, RTE
9.20 am	<i>The cost of the freedom agenda</i>	David Quinn, Journalist
10.00 am	<i>Wasting time with people</i>	Alice Leahy, Director, TRUST
10.40 am	Review and Q&A	
11.00 am	Tea/Coffee	
11.20 am	<i>Freedom is knowledge & knowledge is freedom</i>	John Quinn, Broadcaster & Author
12.00 pm	<i>Tax and Community</i>	Frank Daly, Chairman, Revenue Commissioners
12.40 pm	Review and Q&A	
1.00 pm	Lunch & viewing of Exhibition Stands	
2.15 pm	How to achieve our vision	Chair: Rachael English, RTE
2.20 pm	<i>A Student Perspective</i> Report from 1st Céifin National Student Conference Followed by panel discussion.	Damien Corridan, NUIG Kieran O'Malley, USI Sally-Ann Flanagan, Mayor of Tuam Daráine Mulvihill, Graduate DCU and NUIG
3.25 pm	<i>Together, we're better</i>	Mary Davis, Chairman, Active Citizenship Task Force
4.05 pm	Review and Q&A	
4.35 pm	Close of Conference followed by Tea/Coffee	Fr Harry Bohan

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Anton Savage



Harry Bohan



Finola Kennedy



Janet Murray



Paul Reynolds



Cian O'Siochain



Nilton Vieira de Souza



Salome Mbugua Henry



Adam Rogalinski



Katherine Chan Mullen

Chair

Anton Savage Lead Consultant - Carr Communications

While studying English Literature in Trinity, Anton Savage worked as a researcher for Radio Ireland's *Daybreak* show. Within six months he was directing the programme. From there he moved to Carr Communications' Training Department, providing consultancy and facilitation as a senior consultant. In 2002 he took over as Head of Carr Communications' Public Relations. At this time Anton also worked as a freelance journalist and broadcaster, culminating as a columnist with *The Sunday Independent*. He has contributed to many of Ireland's top radio and television programmes and is now stand-in presenter for Matt Cooper on *The Last Word* on Today FM. Specialising in Media and Presenter training and Public Communications consultancy, he is retained by a number of Ireland's leading politicians, media figures and business people. Anton is also a national champion racing driver.

Speakers

Fr. Harry Bohan, Chairman of the Céifin Centre for Values-led Change, qualified as Sociologist in the University of Wales and is currently Director of Pastoral Planning in Diocese of Killaloe and Parish Priest in Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare. In 1998 he founded the Céifin Centre for Values-led Change to reflect, debate and direct values-led change in Irish society. He was appointed to the Task Force on Active Citizenship by an Taoiseach in 2006. Recognised as one of the leading social commentators in Ireland today Fr Bohan has written extensively on the subjects of christianity, spirituality and economic development, the importance of the local responding to the global and on understanding change. His books published include *"Roots in a Changing Society"* and *"Community and the Soul of Ireland"* and he is editor and contributor to books of papers from all 8 previous Céifin Conferences. He has broadcast widely on national radio and television. Fr Harry is also well known for his involvement in sport and Clare Hurling in particular.

Finola Kennedy is an economist. Educated at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland, UCD and the University of Cambridge, she has been a lecturer in UCD and the Institute of Public Administration. Her principal areas of research are public expenditure and the change in family patterns in the context of economic change. Her book, *Cottage to Creche: Family Change in Ireland* (2001), has been reprinted twice. She was a member of the Review Group on the Constitution and has served or serves on a number of State Boards, including the Housing Finance Agency, ACC Bank and the Railway Procurement Agency.

Janet Murray is a Director of the Tivoli Institute which is an agency specializing in the provision of training in the field of psychotherapy in Ireland. The Institute also provides an extensive community psychotherapy service at its centres in Dublin, Galway and Mayo and at various centres throughout Ireland in partnership with other organisations. Janet trained in psychoanalytic psychotherapy at Trinity College, Dublin and in London. She is a member of the Irish Forum for Child Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy. She has many years of experience working with psychological and emotional issues in clinical and community settings.

Paul Reynolds is a broadcaster, writer and crime correspondent for RTE. He reports on the activities of major criminals, the criminal justice system, the work of voluntary, local, political and government organisations as well as public policy in this area. He was the first person to be appointed to this position in 1996 following the murders of Detective Garda Jerry McCabe and the journalist Veronica Guerin. Paul is also the author of two books *King Scum - the Life and Times of Tony Felloni* and *Sex in the City* on drugs and prostitution in Ireland, respectively.

Telling my story

Cian O'Siochain is a Clareman who came to the world of journalism through a series of story breaking exercises with the Limerick Leader. He continued to freelance in the Limerick area feature writing and on the Evening Echo news desk. Cian went on to work with Radio Kerry before a sojourn in Australia. Upon his return to Ireland he furthered his career in media with Newstalk 106 in Dublin before taking the opportunity to return to his native county as a presenter with Clare FM in 2004. Cian facilitated the first *Telling My Story* session at last years' Céifin conference 'filling the vacuum?'

Jose Nilton Vieira de Souza was born in the town of Londrina in Brazil. He arrived in Ireland in 2001 without any English and settled in Gort, Co. Clare. He initially worked for 3 and half years in a local hotel. In 2005 Nilton completed the NUIG Diploma in Community Development Practice in Gort and intends to continue to a Degree in Community Development (NUIG). He is very active in several local community development projects in a voluntary capacity and has a particular interest in promoting the successful integration of Brazilians into Irish Society. Nilton is President of the recently established Brazilian Association for Gort.

Salome Mbugua Henry is a native of Kenya and has been living in Ireland for 12 years. She is the founder and national director of AkiDWA (the African Women's Network Ireland). Her background is in social work and gender equality. She has 17 years experience of working with marginalised groups in Kenya, Uganda and Ireland.

Adam Rogalinski was born in the town of Poznan in western Poland in 1979. He commenced his hotel studies at the Academy of Hotel Management in Poznan and later qualified with a Degree in Hotel Management in Germany. In 2001 Adam became aware that CERT was looking for Polish people to come to Ireland to be trained and work in the Hotel Industry. He was successful in getting into the CERT bar program and, over the following 5 years, has worked in Clare, Kerry and Galway. Adam is now Deputy Manager of Catering in GMTI.

Dr. Katherine Chan Mullen is chairperson of the Irish Chinese Information Centre, which was established in 2002 to provide information and assistance to the Chinese community in Ireland. It has a particular focus on young Chinese students in Ireland for the first time, assisting with any problems in communication or access to services that may arise. Katherine graduated as a medical practitioner in UK in 1976 and has been working as a G.P. in Dublin since 1981. She has been involved in volunteer work for the Chinese community since the 1980's. She served as President of the Irish - Chinese Cultural Society for 6 years in the 1990's. Since 1996 Katherine has also been involved with International Orphan Aid, Ireland, leading efforts on behalf of handicapped orphans in Hunan, China.



Rachael English



David Quinn



Alice Leahy



John Quinn



Frank Daly



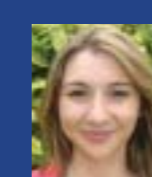
Damien Corridan



Kieran O'Malley



Sally Ann Flanagan



Daráine Mulvihill



Mary Davis

Chair

Rachael English, Broadcaster

Rachael English is the presenter of *The Constituencies*, a weekly politics programme on RTE Radio One. She has worked as a reporter and presenter on most of RTE radio's leading current affairs programmes including *Morning Ireland* and the *News at One*. She was presenter of Ireland's most popular drivetime radio programme, *Five Seven Live*, before leaving earlier this year. Over the past decade she has covered a huge range of national and international stories for RTE from the signing of the Good Friday Agreement to the 2004 Athens Olympics. She is also the co-presenter of RTE radio's election results programmes. Rachael received a PPI award for *Five Seven Live's* coverage of the September the eleventh attacks. During her time as its presenter the programme won all of Ireland's major journalism prizes. A communications graduate of Dublin City University, Rachael began her career at Clare FM radio in Ennis. She is from Shannon in Co. Clare.

Speakers

David Quinn is a religious and social affairs commentator. He has been editor of *The Irish Catholic*, a columnist with *The Sunday Times*, and for two and a half years was religious affairs correspondent with *The Irish Independent*. He continues to write weekly columns for *The Irish Independent* and *The Irish Catholic*. David is also a regular contributor to radio and TV current affairs programmes. He is a graduate of Dublin City University. He lived and worked in Australia for six years.

Alice Leahy is Director of TRUST, which she co-founded in 1975. TRUST is a non-judgemental, befriending, social and health service for people who are homeless. Former chairperson of the Sentence Review Group, Alice is also a writer, commentator, broadcaster and lecturer, promoting understanding of the needs of the outsider in our society, to help combat social exclusion. She lectures widely and has directly contributed to public policy as a member of various policy bodies. In recognition of the work of TRUST Alice was recently awarded an honorary doctorate from UCD and was also named Tipperary Person of the Year for 2004. In addition Alice has also accepted a number of other awards over the years and always does so, on behalf of her colleagues "as the work of TRUST is a real team effort." Alice's most recent book, *With Trust in Place - Writing from the Outside*, was published in October 2005

John Quinn was a senior producer with RTE Radio 1, from 1977 to 2002. His programmes won numerous distinctions, including three Jacobs Awards, and International Awards, in Japan and New York. He specialised in educational series and in documentaries. His weekly educational magazine *The Open Mind* ran for thirteen years. Born in Ballivor, Co. Meath, he was educated at Patrician College, Ballyfin, Co. Laois and St. Patrick's College of Education, Dublin. A former teacher at both primary and post-primary levels, he also spent five years as an editor in educational publishing. He has written 6 novels, five for children, one of which won a Bisto Children's Book of the Year Award, and has edited three best selling editions of his radio programmes *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Girl*, *My Education* and *The Open Mind Guest Lectures 1989 - 1999*. Other works include *All Changed* and *Sea of Love, Sea of Loss*. In February 2003, he was awarded an honorary D. Litt. by the University of Limerick.

Frank Daly was appointed Chairman of the Revenue Commissioners in March 2002. He had been a Revenue Commissioner since 1996 and immediately prior to that had been Accountant General of Revenue and Head of Strategic and Business Planning. Frank entered Revenue in 1963 when he joined the Customs and Excise Service. He has wide experience of all areas of Revenue including Customs, Excise, Taxes and the International areas. He is a member of the Top Level Appointments Committee, which is the body responsible for selecting top level managers in the Civil Service. Frank was born in Abbeyside, Co. Waterford and educated at Dungarvan C.B.S., University College Dublin and Dublin Institute of Technology. He is married to Elaine and has two sons.

A Student Perspective: Report & panel discussion from 1st Céifin National Student Conference



Damien Corridan is a graduate of Electronic Engineering in NUI, Galway and is currently a postgraduate student in the Dept. of Information Technology in NUI, Galway. He is from Listowel in Co. Kerry. Damien has a keen interest in promoting community engagement, particularly within third level education. He has many years of involvement with University societies and the Students' Union movement. He is the current President of NUI, Galway Students' Union.

Kieran O'Malley is a native of Ballina in Co. Mayo. He is the Union of Students of Ireland Western Area Officer. This role involves supporting the full time Students' Union officers in the region. He was elected to the Students' Union in GMTI acting as Vice President and President in successive years.

Sally Ann Flanagan was elected to Tuam Town Council as a candidate for Fine Gael in 2004 at the age of 20. She was elected as Mayor of Tuam in 2006. Sally Ann works as an administrator in GMTI.

Daráine Mulvihill was struck with a deadly strain of Meningitis and Septicaemia in 1999. Fighting for her life, doctors were forced to amputate both of her legs below the knee and all of her fingers. Despite these difficulties Daráine managed to return to her education, graduating from DCU in 2005 with a degree in Communication Studies. In 2006 she completed a postgraduate course in NUI Galway. In 2001, aged 18, Daráine received an Irish Person of the Year award. In 2004 Daráine was appointed by President Mary McAleese to be the young person representative on the Irish Council of State.

Mary Davis is CEO of Special Olympics Ireland. Prior to that she served as Chief Executive Officer for the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games. Recently appointed by An Taoiseach as Chair of the Taskforce on Active Citizenship, Mary serves on the Council of State and on many committees and boards including the Irish Sports Council, Campus Stadium Ireland, and is chair of the St. Patrick's Festival. She has received Honorary Doctorates from National University of Ireland, Dublin City University and University of Limerick. Mary is married to Julian and has 4 children.

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Tuesday November 7th

Conference commences at 2.00 pm

Telling My Story session at 5.30 pm

Conference Dinner at 8.30 pm

Entertainment by *Euro Samba* to follow

Wednesday November 8th

Conference sessions 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

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