

# MAKING IT HAPPEN

Ending Child Poverty by 2020



- 9.00am**                      **Registration**
- 9.30am**                      **Opening Presentation**  
Fergus Cooper,  
Head of Northern Ireland, Save the Children
- 9.40am**                      **European Year for Combating Poverty**  
Maurice Maxwell,  
Head of European Commission Office in Northern Ireland
- 9.50am**                      **Potential of regional and local government structures to contribute to child poverty targets**  
Liam Hannaway,  
CEO Banbridge District Council  
Ann Godfrey,  
Children's Services Planner HSCB
- 10:15am**                    **Workshop: Session I**
- 11.15am**                    **Tea and Coffee**
- 11.30am**                    **Feedback from Workshops: Session I**
- 12.15pm**                    **Tackling persistent child poverty**  
Goretti Horgan  
University of Ulster
- 12.30pm**                    **Lunch**

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- 1.15pm**                    **Learning from the Welsh example**  
Helen-Mary Jones (Deputy Leader Plaid Cymru)  
Chair of the Children and Young People's Committee  
Welsh Assembly
- 1:45pm**                    **Workshops: Session 2**
- 2.45pm**                    **Tea and Coffee**
- 3.00pm**                    **Feedback from Workshops: Session 2**
- 3.45pm**                    **Panel Discussion and Q&A Session**  
Including Patricia Carey, OFMDFM and  
Alex Tennant, NICCY
- 4.15pm**                    **Conference Conclusion**

**Please note, this agenda is subject to change.**

Delegates will have the chance to attend two workshops – when responding please indicate your three preferred choices. We will endeavour to facilitate your first two choices; however we cannot guarantee that we will be able to fulfil all requests. Workshop spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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## **Workshop 1. Child Poverty Strategy – Vision and Principles**

Key question for discussion: What vision and operating principles are needed in the first child poverty strategy to set the policy direction for achieving the 2020 targets?

## **Workshop 2. Child Poverty Strategy – Key Measures**

Key questions for discussion: What are the barriers to achieving the strategy's 'building blocks' such as employment, health, childcare, education and housing - and what are the means to overcome these barriers?

## **Workshop 3. A Strategic Approach – What Does it Mean?**

Key question for discussion: In a mix of devolved and reserved matters, with several three-year strategies before 2020 and with the imperative to 'save money', how do we ensure a strategic approach that involves all the vital levers and areas for action?

## **Workshop 4. The Child Poverty Strategy – Co-operation Across All Levels of Government**

Key questions for discussion: Reaching the 2020 targets will entail working for the common goal of ending child poverty – how do we encourage partnership working and 'mainstreaming' of child poverty at Stormont, regional and local government levels?

## **Workshop 5. Prioritising Child Poverty in the Current Economic Context**

Key question for discussion: How do we ensure that the next budget decisions protect and prioritise the poorest and most vulnerable children and their families – against a backdrop of increasing pressures on public service spending?

## **Workshop 6. Northern Ireland - Special Circumstances**

Key question for discussion: NI has different pressure points which contribute to the highest levels of persistent child poverty in UK – what are the particular challenges for tackling child poverty here?

## **Workshop 7. Child Poverty – A Human Rights Violation**

Key question for discussion: Human rights and poverty are often seen as separate – how can we encourage the recognition that child poverty is an abuse of human rights – so that the child poverty strategy is grounded in UNCRRC?

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