



Maynooth University

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Foundations for Futures Europe 2021 Opening Symposium

Friday 19 November 2021

Time: 9.00 am to 4.15 pm

Venues: Renehan Hall, South Campus, Maynooth University.

Time	Event
8.30-9.30	Registration Tea/Coffee
9.30-9.35	Welcome: Dr Derek Barter Dept. of Adult and Community Education & Jennifer Lloyd Hughes, Civic Engagement and Community Partnership Coordinator, Experiential Learning Office MU
9.35-9.50	Opening address: Professor Eeva Leinonen, President Maynooth University
9.50-10.20	Panel: Meet the Partners: European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland (EAPN) Urkraft Education and Training Social Enterprise, Skelleftea, Sweden Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad, Serbia, - Remote live presentation Hellenic Anti-Poverty Network, Athens, Greece University of Pécs, Hungary
10.20 - 10.40	ComMUniversity Think In
10.40 – 11.00	Refreshments Break – Tea, Coffee and Pastries will be served in Renehan Hall (Subject to Covid restrictions in place on November 19 th 2021)

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FFE SYMPOSIUM KEYNOTE SPEAKERS	
11.05 – 11.30	Paul Ginnell-European Anti-Poverty Network: The Case for a more Social Europe.
11.30 – 11.55	Professor Emeritus, John Sweeney: Climate Challenges for Europe
11.55 -12.20	Dr Gemma Irvine MU Vice President for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Driving the Equality Agenda in Higher Education
12.20 – 12.45	Liam Cosgrove President of Maynooth Students Union (MSU): The Student Voice on the Future of Europe
12.50-1.55	LUNCH: Served in Pugin Hall <i>Indoor Dining will be subject to any Covid-19 restrictions in place as of 19th November 2021 (Diners may need to show proof of immunity but covered outdoor seating will also be provided)</i>
2.00-3.30	Themed Workshops - see individual workshop details overleaf
3.30-4.15	Symposium Plenary Session
	Close

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FFE Afternoon Workshops

This series of workshops will allow participants to engage in collective discussion and debate on the future policy priorities for Europe across a number of key themes.

Rooms will be allocated on the North Campus

Workshop A	The case for a more Social Europe
	<p><i>Paul Ginnell European Anti-Poverty Network / Jennifer Lloyd Hughes Future Ready Project MU</i></p> <p>This workshop will follow on from the morning's keynote address and engage participants in a discussion on the role of the EU in addressing social challenges, in tackling poverty and in creating more inclusive and equal societies.</p>
Workshop B	Migration in the EU: past, present, future- Greek and Irish Perspectives
	<p><i>Evita Paraskevopoulou and Mado Baboula Hellenic Anti-Poverty Network / Dr Clodhna Murphy MU Sanctuary University Movement</i></p> <p>This workshop will contextualise EU Immigration policy and how this has developed in recent years by considering documentary evidence and real-world practices. It will look at refugee flows to Greece and discuss the realities facing the EU as it tries to develop a coherent approach in dealing with migration on a scale not previously experienced. It will examine the myths and facts about migration to the EU. It will then consider how Irish Higher Education through the Sanctuary University movement can advocate for equality of access to Europe's migrant population. Finally, it will try to imagine a Future for Europe in terms of Migration.</p>
Workshop C	Am I equal? Disability or Difference
	<p><i>Katrin Lundmark, Ulrica Rauhala URKRAFT Sweden/ James Cawley Independent Living Movement Ireland</i></p> <p>What is it like to live in Sweden with a psychiatric disability? This co-produced workshop was prepared by Ulrica and Katrin with Urkraft students. The students' words will provide a starting point for the discussion. James's experiences as a disabled person and advocate for rights for disabled people will inform the discussion from an Irish perspective. The ultimate questions are 'What can we learn from each other and how can we build a more equal and inclusive Europe?'</p>
Workshop D	Employment in a Changing Europe: Skills and the Future of Work.
	<p><i>Dr Éva Szederkenyi & Dr. habil. Ágnes Klein (university of Pécs) / Dr Aisling Flynn MU Experiential Learning Office.</i></p> <p>The world of work is changing, and secure long-term employment is no longer a viable option for most. But what does the future of work look like, especially with a constantly changing post-pandemic backdrop? In this interactive session, we will explore some of the recent trends and insights, as well as encourage participants to reflect on and make sense of how the world of work is evolving and more importantly, the skills we will need to thrive in a changing European landscape.</p>

Workshop E	The European identity: Is it possible?
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr Aleksej Kišjuhas Novi Sad University Serbia (ONLINE) / Dr Derek Barter Dept. of Adult and Community Education MU</i></p> <p>It is common to speak about the "explosion of identities" in contemporary society. The idea of Identity Politics has led to a re-examination of history and society right across Europe. Collective Identities are not given, but constantly negotiated, (re)produced, (de)constructed etc., in an emotional process that expresses pride, shame, triumph, guilt usually on a national level. Focusing on the cultural, interactional, and emotional aspects of our common heritage, in this workshop we will discuss the social meanings of a European identity and ask is a European Identity possible?</p>
Workshop F	Mind the Gap: Education and Digital Exclusion
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr Katriona O’Sullivan Dept. of Psychology MU / Dr Bernie Grummell Dept. of Adult and Community Education MU</i></p> <p>Numerous commentators have highlighted the increasing reliance upon digital literacy that people will need to fully participate in society in the coming decades. The recent Government of Ireland Report <i>Adult Literacy for Life (ALL)</i> has provided both the context for understanding literacy and numeracy needs and a roadmap for addressing exclusion for the next decade. This coincides with the EU Commission’s Path to the Digital Decade to deliver the EU's digital transformation. In this workshop Katriona O’Sullivan & Bernie Grummell will focus on the policy context to support digital literacy and their practical implications.</p>
Workshop G	European environmental policy and its impact on social justice.
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr Jamie Gorman, Dept. of Applied Social Studies Maynooth University</i></p> <p>This workshop will reflect on the keynote speaker’s assessment on, the challenges for Europe, in light of the current climate crisis. Participants will discuss current climate /environmental policy and identify key issues/actions/policies to achieve climate justice</p>

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