



**Irish Countrywomen's Association**  
*Bantracht na Tuaithe*



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# High Level Conference on **Vulnerable Families** What can Europe do?

4-5 February 2013, Dublin Castle

## Programme

Languages: EN/FR/ES

<b>Day 1:</b> 4 February 2013
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13:00 – 14:00      *Registration of participants*

14:00 – 15:30      **Plenary Session - Opening Plenary**

Welcome:

**Liz Wall**, President, ICA

**Annemie Driekens**, President, COFACE

Chair:

**Senator Jillian van Turnhout**, Leader of the Independent Group

Keynote Speeches:

**Frances Fitzgerald**, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Ireland

**Juan Menéndez-Valdés**, Director of Eurofound

**Julius op de Beke**, DG EMPL, European Commission

15:30-16:00      *Coffee break*

16:00 – 18:00

## Plenary Session – Setting the scene

Facilitated by Dil Wickremasinghe, Newstalk fm

**Bea Cantillon**, Antwerp University, Sociology Department

**Juho Härkönen**, Demography Unit Department of Sociology,  
Stockholm University

### The need to invest in children

**Ann Buchanan**, Department of Social Policy and Intervention,  
University of Oxford

Discussion

14:00 – 19:00

## Market place of inspiring projects and practices

20:15 - 22:00

## Gala Dinner at the Great Hall of the Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Welcome Speech by **Irish Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton**

**Day 2: 5 February 2013**

9:30 – 11:00

## Breakout Sessions

### Breakout I

## Vulnerability due to ill health, mental health issues, disability, care

Language: EN

Chaired by Caroline McCamley, Consultant, &|Ampersand

### **A new vision for care supporting Family Carers**

Brigid Barron  
Caring for Carers (Ireland)

### **Structure of everyday activities in the focus of home care**

Pirjo Korvela, Mona Jonsson  
Helsinki University, Väestöliitto (Finland)

### **Innovative approaches to supporting and building capacity for family carers**

Colette Daly  
Ability West (Ireland)

### **Supporting young carers – a collaborative model of care**

Nora Kirrane  
Crosscare carer support programme (Ireland)

## Breakout II

# Extreme vulnerability, families outside of the reach of services

Language: EN

Chaired by William Lay, former director COFACE

### **The vulnerability of LGBT Families in Ireland**

Paula Fagan  
Marriage Equality (Ireland)

### **Migrant families and women**

Elvira Mendez  
Salud y Familia (Spain)

### **Homeless families, and families at risk of homelessness**

Ruth Owen  
FEANTSA (Europe)

### **Access to parenting services for Roma and migrant families**

Daniel Molinuevo  
Eurofound (Europe)

### **Undocumented migrant families' access to social services**

Liliana Keith  
PICUM (Europe)

## Breakout III

# Vulnerability due to joblessness and lack of skills

Language: EN, FR, ES

Chaired by Helena Hiila O'Brien, Väestöliitto

### **Financial inclusion in the prevention**

Jean-Bernard Audureau  
ASGECO (Spain)

### **Alternative educational pathways**

Sophie Earnshaw  
CSV (UK)

### **Family financial education and microcredit**

María García Álvarez  
Fundación de Familias Monoparentales Isadora Duncan (Spain)

### **Jobs and livelihood for Roma families through organic garlic farming**

Elisabeth Potzinger  
Austrian Catholic Families (Austria)

## Breakout IV

# Parenting support services

Language: EN

Chaired by Sheena Horgan, Positive Childhood Campaign

### **Home-school interaction: educational partnership for migrant children**

Minna Saavala  
Väestöliitto (Finland)

### **Volunteers supporting families**

Jill Williams  
CSV (UK)

### **Responding effectively to the needs of vulnerable families**

Paula Lonergan  
One Family (Ireland)

### **Vulnerability due to Single parenthood**

Sophia Lövgren  
Swedish remarkable parents (Sweden)

### **Family strengthening programmes**

Elsa Osmani  
SOS Children's villages international (Austria)

### **Ligue of Families for All**

Aagje Ieven  
Gezinsbond (Belgium)

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:30 **Closing Plenary – Paving the way forward**

Chair **Agnes Uherezky**, Director, COFACE

Panel **Robert Anderson**, Head of Unit, Living Conditions,  
Eurofound

**Philippe Marcadent**, Director, Conditions of work and employment  
Branch, ILO

**Stijn Hoorens**, Associate Director, RAND Europe

**Fred Deven**, Vice-Chairman of the European Committee  
for Social Cohesion, Council of Europe

Closing remarks **Annemie Drieskens**, President, COFACE

*Participants are invited to a light networking lunch after the closing plenary.*