High Level Conference on
Vulnerable Families
What can Europe do?
4-5 February 2013, Dublin Castle

Programme
Languages: EN/FR/ES

**Day 1**: 4 February 2013

13:00 – 14:00  *Registration of participants*

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

Welcome:

*Liz Wall*, President, ICA
*Annemie Drieskens*, 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**

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**Day 2: 5 February 2013**

**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
Maria 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 Uhereczky, 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.*