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MOVING IN FROM THE MARGINS: WOMEN'S POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN IRELAND

SATURDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2010

BROOKFIELD HEALTH SCIENCES

COMPLEX, ROOM G04

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

Conference Programme

9.30 - 10.00: Registration

10.00 Welcome

10.00 – 10.20: Opening Address

Mary White, TD, Minister for Equality, Integration and Human Rights

10.20 –11.30: Strategies for increasing women’s representation

Chair: Fiona Buckley – *Department of Government, UCC*

Prof. Yvonne Galligan (Queen’s University Belfast)

Leading by Example: Why it is important to have more women in Irish politics?

Susan McKay (National Women’s Council of Ireland)

I’m alright Jill: political power is fine for me but it would diminish and insult you. Irish women with power speak out against other women getting it.

11.30 – 11.45: Break

11.45 - 1.15: Impact of (under) representation of women on policy-making

Chair: Dr. Jacqui O’Riordan – *Women’s Studies, UCC*

Noirín Clancy (Women Into Public Life Project)

Supporting, Empowering, Transforming

Dr. Eileen Connolly (Dublin City University)

Women in Parliament and Substantive Representation - a Cautionary Tale?

Dr. Margaret O’Keeffe (Cork Institute of Technology)

Women’s Political Representation in Ireland: Taking ‘Particularity’ Seriously

Joanne Vance (National Women’s Council of Ireland)

Our Health and Our Wealth

1.15 – 2.15: Lunch

2.15 – 2.45: Ireland: An Unfinished Democracy

Senator Ivana Bacik (Rapporteur, Joint Oireachtas Committee)

Gender Injustice – Getting Women into Politics and into Power

2.45 – 3.30: A woman’s voice: women politicians’ experiences of political life in Ireland

Chair: Prof. Yvonne Galligan – *Queen’s University Belfast*

Máire Hctor, TD

Gemma Hussey, former Cabinet Minister

Kathleen Lynch, TD

Senator Mary White

3.30 – 3.45: Break

3.45 – 4.30: Roundtable Discussion

Chair: Dr. Sandra McAvoy – *Women’s Studies, UCC*

Each session will begin with contributions from invited speakers. This will be followed by a questions and answers session on the themes addressed. Contributions are welcome and encouraged.

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