Marriage Equality, Relationship Recognition and Non-Discrimination: Securing Equality and Rights?

One day conference, Faculty of Law, University College Cork

March 28th 2014, 11.00 – 5.15pm

Programme

Chair Hon Justice Mr John Hedigan (High Court) (afternoon session)

10.30 am – 11.00 Registration
11.00am – 11.05am Welcome Professor Siobhán Mullally, Director, CCJHR
11.05am-11.15am Opening Remarks, Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Catherine Clancy

11.15 - 12.00 Professor Robert Wintemute, School of Law, King's College London (Keynote address)

"Marriage Equality in Ireland: The International Trend and the New Law in England and Wales"

12.00- 1.00 Panel 1

Mr Kieran Rose, Gay Lesbian Equality Network (GLEN) and Member Designate of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, *"The Remarkable Journey towards Equality and Civil Marriage for Lesbian and Gay People in Ireland"*

Mr Boris Dittrich, Advocacy Director, LGBT program, Human Rights Watch, *'Marriage equality full equality?'*

Mr Nicholas Bamforth, School of Law, Oxford University, *'Recognition of Same-Sex Marriages and Partnerships: The Role of the Strasbourg Court's Margin of Appreciation'*

1.00-1.30 Q+A

1.30-2.15 Light Lunch / Break

2.15 -2.30 Chair: Hon Justice, Mr John Hedigan (High Court of Ireland)

Address by Minister Kathleen Lynch T.D., Minister of State, Department of Health and Department of Justice, Equality and Defence with responsibility for Disability, Equality, Mental Health and Older People

Q+A 2.30-2.40

2.40 – 4.40pm Panel 2

Prof Fiona de Londras, School of Law, Durham University, *'The Marriage Equality Referendum: Rights, Recognition and Risk' building on the work of TH Greene and some other British idealists?*

Dr Louise Crowley, Faculty of Law, UCC, *"Parental equality - current legislative attempts to equalise parental rights under Irish law"*

Dr Fergus Ryan, School of Law, NUI Maynooth, *"Marriage, Gender Recognition, and the Transgender Spouse: Challenging the 'Single Status Requirement'"*

Dr Conor O'Mahony, Faculty of Law UCC, *"Marriage Equality and the Irish Constitution: Why are we having a Referendum?"*

4.40-5.10pm Q+A
5.10-5.15 Concluding Remarks, Dr Claire Murray, Faculty of Law, UCC (Deputy Director, CCJHR)

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Venue: Brookfield Health Sciences, BHSC Room GO1 , Brookfield Health Sciences Complex (BHSC) is located on the western side of the main UCC campus. http://conferencing.ucc.ie/MapUCC.htm

6 CPD Group points available

Conference convenors: Prof Siobhán Mullally, Director, Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, UCC, email s.mullally@ucc.ie and Dr Claire Murray, CCJHR, c.murray@ucc.ie

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- **Registration Fee: €60 (full rate)**
- **Reduced rate: €30 - the reduced fee is available to NGOs, barristers in their first five years in practice, trainee solicitors and solicitors with up to three years post qualification experience).**
- **Student registration (available to full-time students with valid ID) - €20**

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