



AN COINBHINSIÚN AR AN MBUNREACTH
THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSTITUTION

The Convention on the Constitution: June 8th – 9th

Recommendations to the Houses of the Oireachtas on the Dáil Electoral System.

Saturday

- 9.00 a.m. Registration
- 9.30 a.m. Welcome by Chair
- 9.40a.m. Presentation on Mixed Member Proportional system – David Farrell
(University College Dublin)
- 9.55a.m. Sample MMP Ballot (results from the Masterclass)
- 10.10am Q&A
- 10.20 am Options for an MMP system for Ireland – Michael Gallagher (Trinity
College Dublin)
- 10.40 am Q&A
- 10.50 am Break**
- 11.05 a.m. *Is there anything wrong with the Single Transferable Vote (STV)?*
Debate and Q&A with Brendan Halligan and Noel Whelan
- 12 noon Roundtable discussions
- 1pm Lunch**
- 2 p.m. Options for reform of Irish elections (size of constituencies; number of
TDs; non-parliamentary ministers; participatory democracy) and Q&A
– David Farrell (UCD) and Jane Suiter (Dublin City University)
- 2.45 p.m. Roundtable Discussion
- 3.45 p.m. Break**

- 4 pm Plenary session - participants to hear the emerging themes from the discussion at other tables
- 4.45 pm Presentation on public submissions received and information from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government – presented by Gemma Carney (NUI Galway).
- 5.05 pm Options for administrative reform of Irish elections (Michael Marsh, Trinity College Dublin)
- 5.30 p.m. Chair concludes proceedings for evening.
- 7.30 p.m. Dinner**

Sunday

- 10a.m. Summary and emerging themes from previous sessions
- 10.30 a.m. Agree ballot paper
- 11 a.m. Electoral reform for Ireland. Some reflections? – Ken Carty (University of British Columbia, Vancouver)
- 11.15 am Final Q&A (written questions from the members)
- 11.45 a.m. Coffee and voting on the matters for decision**
- 12.15 p.m. *Private Session:* Convention business
- 12.45 p.m. Announcement of Results
- 13.00 p.m. Conclusion & Lunch**