



The Convention on the Constitution: February 16th – 17th

This meeting is to report recommendations to the Houses of the Oireachtas on:
(i) amending the clause on the role of women in the home and encouraging greater participation of women in public life; and
(ii) increasing the participation of women in politics.

Saturday

9.30 a.m. Welcome by Chair

Amending the clause on the Role of Women in the Home

9.45 a.m. Introduction of Advisory Panel – Prof. Gerry Whyte and Prof. Siobhan Mullally

9.50 a.m. Advisory Panel presentations.

10.20 a.m. Q&A

10.30 a.m. Presentation by Orla O'Connor and Frances Byrne (*National Women's Council of Ireland*)

10.40 a.m. Presentation by Áine Uí Ghiollagáin, (*Cúram*)

10.50 a.m. Advisory Panel summary

10.55 a.m. *Break*

11.10 a.m. Roundtable Discussion

12.15 p.m. *Lunch*

1.30 p.m. Plenary session - participants to hear the emerging themes from the discussion at other tables

Encouraging greater participation of women in public life and increasing the participation of women in politics

2.15 p.m. Introduction of Advisory panel – Prof. Yvonne Galligan and Prof. Gail McElroy

2.20 p.m. Advisory Panel presentations

2.50 p.m. Q&A

- 3.00 p.m. Presentations by Eoin Murray, (*National Women's Council of Ireland*), Fiona Buckley, (*The 50/50 Group*) and Niamh Gallagher, (*Women for Election*)
- 3.20 p.m. Advisory Panel summary
- 3.25 p.m. *Break*
- 3.35 p.m. Roundtable Discussion
- 4.35 p.m. *Break*
- 4.50 p.m. Plenary session - participants to hear the emerging themes from the discussion at other tables
- 5.30 p.m. Chair concludes proceedings for evening.
- 7.30 p.m. *Dinner***
- Sunday**
- 10 a.m. Roundtable preparation for panel discussion and review of draft ballot papers
- 10.20 a.m. Plenary - sign-off of ballot papers
- 10.30 a.m. Q&A with a panel of representatives from the National Women's Council of Ireland, The 50/50 Group, Women for Election, Cúram, Union of Students in Ireland, UCD Women Graduates' Association and the 4 members of the Advisory Panel.
- 11.45 a.m. *Coffee and voting on the matters for decision*
- 12.15 p.m. *Private Session: Arrangements for the next meeting*
- 12.45 p.m. Announcement of Results
- 13.00 p.m. *Conclusion & Lunch*