



The Convention on the Constitution - January 26th – 27th, 2013

This meeting is to report recommendations to the Houses of the Oireachtas on:

- i. reducing the voting age to 17; and
- ii. reducing the Presidential term of office to five years and aligning it with local and European elections

Saturday

- 09.30 *Private session - Welcome by Chair*
- 10.00 Roundtable discussion
 - Introductions
 - Rules & Procedures
- 10.40 Chair opens plenary public session
- 10.45 ‘That the voting age be reduced to 17’
 Presentation by Dr. Theresa Reidy, UCC.
- 11.00 Q & A
- 11.15 Presentations by:
 - National Youth Council of Ireland
 - Irish Association of Social Care Workers
- 11.35 Summary by Dr. Theresa Reidy
- 11.40 *Coffee*
- 12 noon Roundtable discussions.
- 13.00 *Lunch*

- 14.00 Plenary session - participants to hear the emerging themes from the discussion at other tables.
- 14.40 “That the Presidential term of office be reduced to five years and be aligned with local and European elections”
- 14.45 Presentation by Prof. Robert Elgie, DCU
- 15.05 Q & A
- 15.20 Roundtable discussions
- 16.20 *Coffee*
- 16.40 Plenary session - participants to hear the emerging themes from the discussion at other tables.
- 17.30 Chair concludes proceedings for evening,

Sunday

- 10.00 Welcome and summary of yesterday’s discussion on Voting Age
- 10.20 Roundtable discussion to reconsider/reflect on yesterday’s deliberations.
- 10.50 Summary of yesterday’s discussion on Presidential Term
- 11.00 Roundtable discussion to reconsider/reflect on yesterday’s deliberations
- 11.30 *Coffee and voting on the matters for decision*
- 12.00 *Private Session:* Chair announces results of steering group election.
Group discussion on: Rules & Procedures and Work Programme
- 13.00 *Conclusion*