



## The Convention on the Constitution: May 18th-19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

This meeting is to report recommendations to the Houses of the Oireachtas on a Review of the Dáil Electoral System

### Saturday

- 9.00 am Members' Registration
- 9.30 am Welcome from the Chair
- 9.40 am *Presentations:*
- The roles of Parliament and Government – Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB)
  - Irish system of policy development - Dr. Niamh Hardiman (UCD)
  - Irish public opinion and debates over electoral reform - Prof Michael Marsh (TCD)
- 10.35 am Q&A
- 10.45 am *Presentations:*
- The Irish electoral system - Prof Michael Gallagher (TCD)
  - Alternative electoral systems - Prof David Farrell (UCD)
- 11.25 am Q&A
- 11.35 am Break**
- 11.45 am Roundtable discussion
- 12.45 pm Lunch**
- 1.45 pm Plenary session: participants to hear emerging themes from the discussion at other tables
- 2.15 pm *Presentations:*
- Adrian Kavanagh (NUIM) – Alternative results for 2007 & 2011 elections
  - Michael Gallagher (TCD) on the arguments for and against electoral reform
  - Michael Marsh (TCD) Non-constitutional electoral reforms
- 3.05 pm *Panel Discussion & Q&A (Ms. Nora Owen, former Minister for Justice and TD and members of the Expert Advisory Panel)*
- 4 pm **Break**
- 4.15 pm Roundtable discussion
- 5.20 pm Expert summary - initial ideas on other electoral system-related reforms
- 5.30 pm Conclusion**
- 7.30pm Dinner**

## **Sunday**

- 10.00 am Other related electoral issues – Jane Suiter
- 10.30 am Plenary: review draft ballot papers (areas to focus on in June)
- 11 am Presentations by the Voices of Irish Citizens Abroad (VICA) and the National Women’s Council of Ireland (NWCI)
- 11.30 am *Final Q&A with advisory panel members*
- 11.45 am *Break (and voting on the matters for decision)***
- 12 noon Private session – Convention business
- 12.45 pm Announcement of Results
- 1.00pm *Conclusion & Lunch***