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EXPLORING THE DAY REPORT

Seminar series discussing the recommendations of the Day Advisory Group

In October 2020, the Day Report on supports for persons seeking international protection in Ireland was issued. The Day Report recommended significant changes to the processing of international protection applications, including introducing legal obligations on the State for fair and timely decision making. The Day Report explicitly advised that the system of direct provision be abolished and replaced with a tiered set of supports to persons in the international protection system.

Exploring the Day Report seminar series discusses the recommendations of the Day Advisory Group, through reflections from those who issued the report, academic analysis of particular issues, thoughts from activists and civil society on implementing the Day Report recommendations, along with political perspectives on advancing the implementation of the Day Report.

Each week, from November 17th to December 11th 2020, UCD Sutherland School of Law and Nasc, the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre will co-host this seminar series.

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Seminar 1: 17 Nov 2020
12.00 – 13.00

REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY REPORT

Panelists: Dr. Catherine Day, Bulelani Mfaco - MASI, Fiona Finn - CEO Nasc,
Chair: Dr Liam Thornton

The Day Advisory Group have recommended the most far-reaching changes to reception rights for persons seeking international protection in Ireland. This seminar examines some of the recommendations from key members of the Day Advisory Group, and their analysis of the extent to which these recommendations may inform the forthcoming White Paper on the system of international protection and direct provision.

Seminar 2: 27 Nov 2020
12.00 – 13.00

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DAY REPORT: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Panelists: Evgeny Shtorn, Keelin Barry, Dr Zoë O'Reilly, Dr. Muireann Ní Raghallaigh, Dr. Liam Thornton
Chair: Fiona Finn

Five academic experts across social work, social welfare, law, disability, LGBTQI+ rights and housing discuss the key recommendations of the Day Report in their respective fields of expertise. The panelists will analyse whether the recommendations contained in the Day Report will ensure that rights of persons in the international protection system will be respected, protected and fulfilled.



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Seminar 3: 04 Dec 2020
12.00 – 13.00

STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DAY REPORT

Panelists: Tanya Ward - Children's Rights Alliance, Enda O' Neill - UNHCR, Nick Henderson - Irish Refugee Council, Fiona Hurley - Nasc

Chair: Dr Liam Thornton

The Day Report is the second advisory report on international protection and direct provision since 2015. Activists and civil society representatives provide perspectives on implementing the Day Report, from key challenges to significant opportunities that exist. This seminar will focus on how successful alliances can be forged in order to ensure the implementation of the Day Report.

Seminar 4: 11 Dec 2020
12.00 – 13.00

THE POLITICS OF THE DAY REPORT

Panelists: TBC

Chairs: Dr. Liam Thornton & Fiona Finn

The Day Report is advisory, and its implementation depends on political will and government implementation. Elected representatives from political parties provide insights into the politics of implementing the Day Report. Is the implementation of the Day Report likely? What are the political obstacles to achieving the objectives of the Day Report? Are there other means by which the rights of persons in the protection system can be fully protected?



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