

SOCIAL INCLUSION FORUM 2018

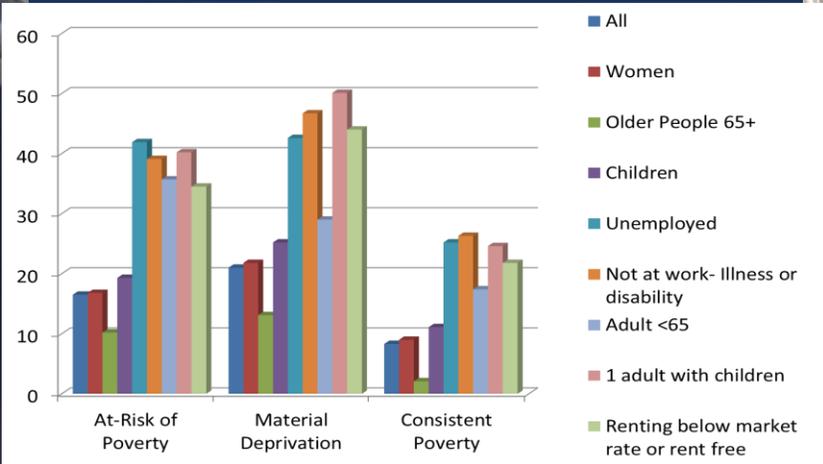
- Issues from regional meetings
- Ambition
- Challenge



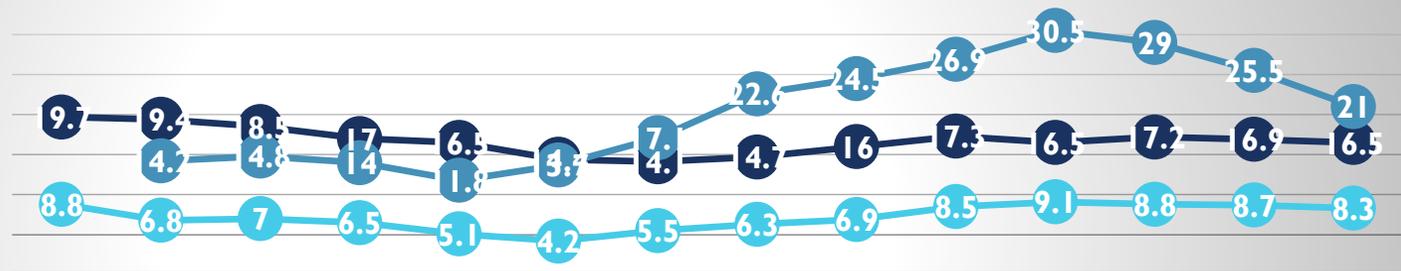
REGIONAL MEETINGS 2018

- Castleblayney,
- Ennis
- Letterkenny
- Tipperary
- Kilcoole
- Cork





- Poverty levels continue to be unacceptably high - a consistency of inequality
- Many others left out of the picture



	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
At risk of poverty	19.7	19.4	18.5	17	16.5	14.4	14.1	14.7	16	17.3	16.5	17.2	16.9	16.5
Material Deprivation		14.2	14.8	14	11.8	13.7	17.1	22.6	24.5	26.9	30.5	29	25.5	21
Consistent Poverty	8.8	6.8	7	6.5	5.1	4.2	5.5	6.3	6.9	8.5	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.3

MAKING THE LINKS - COMMUNITY WORK

- *'Let's be very clear – high level goals need to be balanced with the real community work that happens in marginalised communities. Unless the two are seen as equally important, the new National Action Plan will see little progress.'*

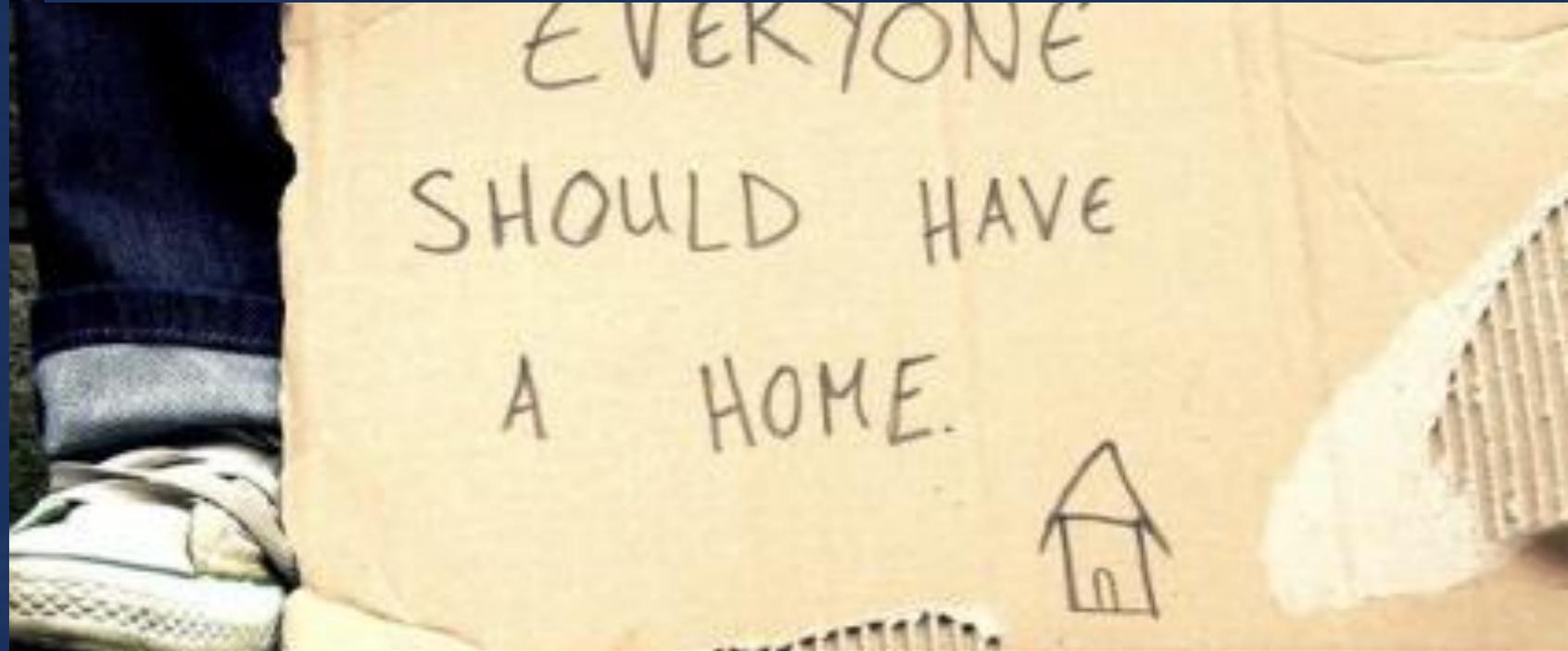
'Robust structures to ensure real progress to address poverty and social exclusion need to be mirrored at local level. If we are stuck with LCDCs and LECs, they need to be far stronger'



HOMES – SIGNIFICANT ISSUES IN ALL THE WORKSHOPS

- Social Housing
- Traveller Accommodation
- Homelessness

'We need rights-based approach to the provision of housing. The Finnish model is worth looking at. In Ireland we pay way too much to private landlords'



'Local Authorities need to build housing and there needs to be planning for sustainable communities to include community facilities, youth services, schools...'

'We need major reform of the private rented sector with security of tenure critical.'



- Issues in rural areas
- Transport
- Discrimination
- Work
- Migrants and Integration
- Education
- Health inequalities



Early Childhood Care & Education

- *Our model of child care is driven by economics. It's about getting both parents out to work. Staff are underpaid and under-valued. There is an onus on them to achieve qualifications, but they have to pay for these themselves on low incomes. In addition, there is now no end to the paperwork they have to fill out.'*
- Concern at the prospect of parents having to find out themselves what they will be entitled to



- This may be a useful tool but there is no evidence of where it has been used to make a difference yet. The ability to enforce should be backed up by powers of investigation and sanction

The Public Sector Duty

Eliminating discrimination, promoting equality and protecting human rights



Equality and Human Rights Commission

Commission for Equality and Human Rights

August 2011

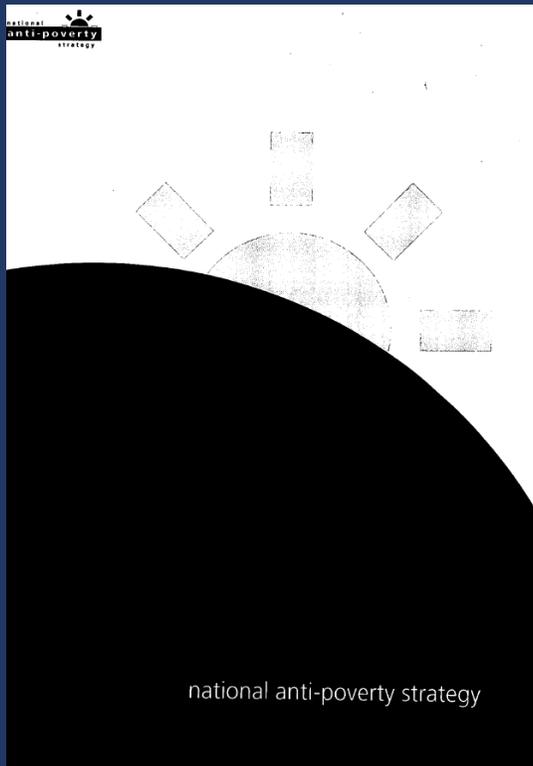


Social Inclusion Forum

“It should be to create a vision, to hear voices and to hold government to account for progress in relation to poverty and social inclusion. It needs to be truly independent and robust. This is not currently the case.”



NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION 2018-?



The challenge involved in tackling poverty is a major one. It means bringing about significant change in Irish society. It requires putting poverty among the issues at the top of the national agenda. It involves the mobilisation of all sections of Irish society in building a fair society. It requires listening to and involving those who are directly affected by poverty. It means making difficult choices about priorities and policies. It challenges existing departments and agencies to develop new and more open and inclusive ways of doing things. Above all, given the deep-seated structural causes of poverty, it will require considerable effort over an extended period of time. If this is to be sustained a strategic approach is required. Thus the development and implementation of a strategy which involves all government departments and

Reclaim
Ambition

John Burton

Hui Spring

R. De Rosa

“...IT REQUIRES LISTENING TO THOSE WHO ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN POVERTY & THEIR ORGANISATIONS...”

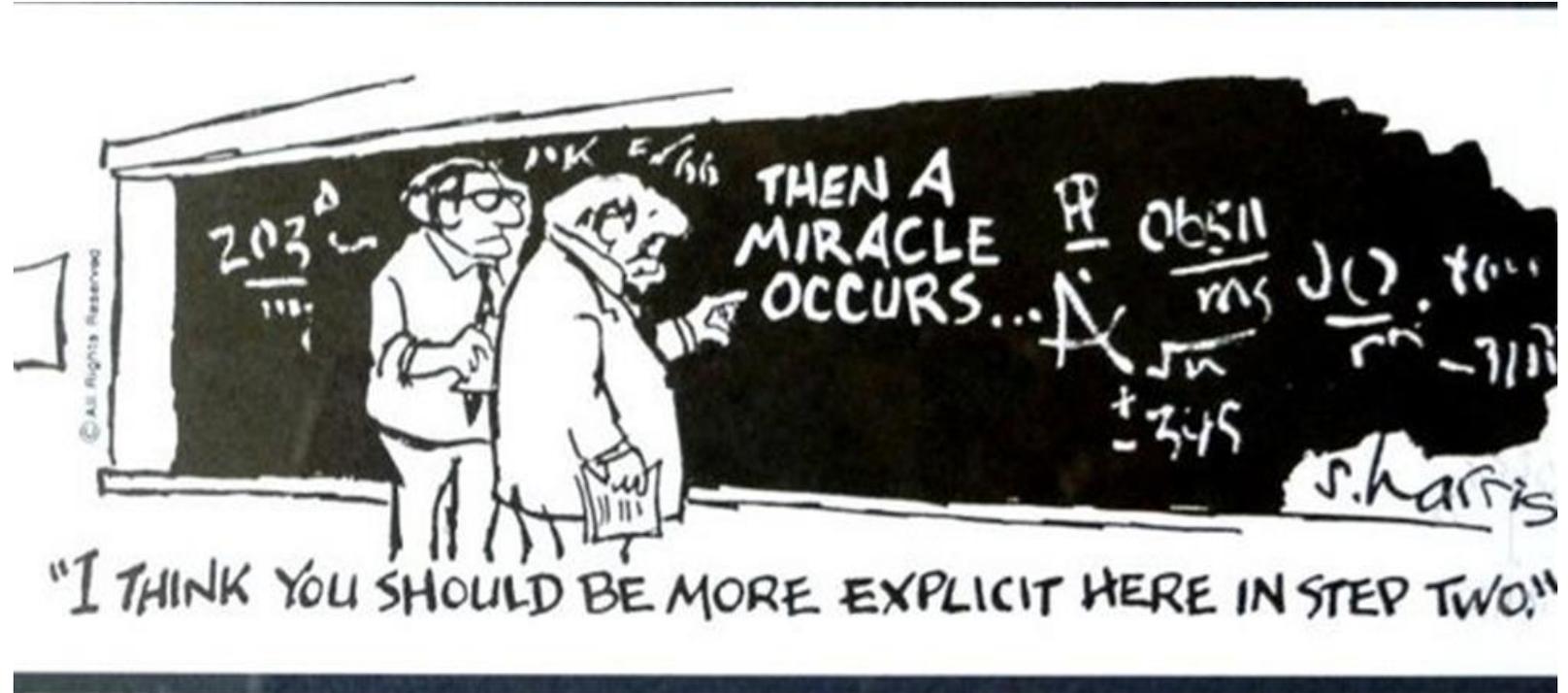
- Genuine consultation at all stages of planning and delivery
- Rebuild supports for communities to represent themselves and take control of their own lives
- More time for consultation, faster feedback and delivery

‘Services are better if the people who are using them can participate in decisions about how they are designed and delivered’



“...IT MEANS MAKING DIFFICULT CHOICES ABOUT PRIORITIES AND POLICIES...”

- Targets need action / implementation plans



THE CHALLENGE



Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings.

— Nelson Mandela —

AZ QUOTES

THE CHALLENGE

- RECOGNISE RIGHTS
- MOBILIZE THE WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT
- INVEST SERIOUS RESOURCES IN SERVICES, QUALITY OF WORK AND INCOME
- ENSURE ALL POLICIES PROMOTE INCLUSION
- ENSURE PLANS ARE ADAPTED TO DELIVER TARGETS
- A SOCIETY THAT LEAVES NO ONE BEHIND (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS)