

# PROGRAMME

- Location:** Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8
- Date:** Friday 2nd of December
- 10.00am** Registration
- 10.30am** Welcome: Orla O'Connor, Chair of the National Observatory on Violence Against Women and Girls.
- Barry Andrews is Member of the European Parliament from Ireland and substitute Member of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee (FEMM)
- 11.00am** Presentation of the Observatory Shadow Report to Grevio, from a diversity and inclusion perspective:
- Orla O'Connor, NWC Director and Chair of the National Observatory on Violence Against Women and Girls.
  - Megan Berry, Community Development Worker, Pavee Point
  - Eliona Gjecaaj, disability advocate researching the access to justice for disabled women who had been subjected to gender based violence

**11.20am**

Panel Discussion

**Chair:** Justine McCarthy,  
Irish Times columnist

- Oonagh McPhillips, Secretary General Department of Justice
- Mia Döring, Author, Any Girl: A Memoir of Sexual Exploitation and Recovery
- Chief Superintendent Colm Noonan, Garda National Protective Services Bureau.
- Sarah Monaghan, Consent Project Manager at the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre
- Mary-Louise Lynch, founder of Survivors Informing Services and Institutions
- Caroline Munyi, Migrant Women's Health Coordinator, Akidwa

**12.30am**

Closing remarks

**12.45am**

Lunch



## National Observatory on Violence Against Women and Girls

### 16 Days of Action

**Launch of the Observatory Shadow Report to Grevio in respect of Ireland**

**Wood Quay Venue, Dublin 8**  
**Friday December 2nd**  
**10am - 1pm**



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The National Observatory on Violence Against Women is hosted and chaired by the National Women's Council and is an independent network of 22 grassroots and national organisations that come together regularly to monitor progress on domestic, sexual and gender-based violence.

The Observatory, in partnership with the European Parliament Liaison Office in Ireland, are hosting a seminar to launch the Observatory's Grevio shadow report and mark the significance of our new Third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

This event takes place within the 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women, and aims to mark a highly significant moment in Ireland: the first review of Irish progress since Ireland ratified the Istanbul Convention and the new National Strategy.

Ireland has undergone rapid legislative transformation to meet its Convention obligations, including the Third National Strategy, launched this year, which fulfils a great number of Istanbul requirements , and is ground breaking in its recognition of the inherent violence and abuse of commercial sexual exploitation and the sex trade. Yet, despite these welcome developments there is still urgent need for the effective and accountable implementation of the Convention and the Third National Strategy. This year's conference will examine what has been done, what is being done and what needs to be done in this regard. The Observatory has been conducted research and produced this report with the support of the Community Foundation for Ireland.

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