What do Women Need? Why we must Repeal the Eighth Amendment

Conference Programme
12.09.2015
Gresham Hotel, Dublin 1
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9.30 am
Registration with Tea / Coffee

10.00 am WELCOME
Ailbhe Smyth, Convenor, Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment

10.15 am SESSION ONE
What Do Women Need? Information, Services, Access

Chair: Orla O’Connor, Director, National Women’s Council of Ireland
Evelyn Geraghty, Irish Family Planning Association
Professor Sally Sheldon, Law School, University of Kent
Doris Abuchi-Ogbonda, Cairde (personal capacity)
Ann Furedi, British Pregnancy Advisory Service

11.20 am
Speaking from Experience:
Emily Waszak, ARC

11.25 am SESSION TWO
What Do Women Need? Justice, Law, Human Rights

Chair: Sinéad Kennedy, Secretary, Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment
Deirdre Duffy, Irish Council for Civil Liberties
Dr. Peadar O’Grady & Dr. Marion Dyer, Doctors for Choice
Dr. Ursula Barry, UCD
Mairead Enright, Law School, University of Kent

12.25 pm
Speaking from Experience:
Termination for Medical Reasons
12.30pm LUNCH

1.30pm - 2.45pm BREAKOUT GROUPS

Choose your Workshop:

- Medical Abortion with Re(al) Reproductive Health
- Choice in Childbirth with AIMS
- Challenging Stigma with Abortion Rights Campaign
- Women who can’t travel with AkiDwA
- Legislation or Regulation? with Ruth Fletcher
- Creative Campaigning with Abortion Rights Campaign
- Activism & Mobilisation with ROSA
- Trade Unionists for Repeal with Laura Duggan

2.45 pm - 3.30 pm SESSION THREE

What Do We Need To Do? Strategy and Action

Chair: Ailbhe Smyth
Convenor, Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment
Lisa Lendef, NARAL Pro-Choice America
Goretti Horgan, Northern Ireland Alliance for Choice
Mandy La Combre, Mandate
Clare Daly TD

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Campaigning Voices

Chair: Ailbhe Smyth, Convenor, Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment
Contributions on strategy from Coalition member groups and organisations.

4.30pm 4.45pm

Speaking of I.M.E.L.D.A
Respect and protect women’s lives, health and choices

Who we are

The Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment is an alliance of organisations set up after the Protection of Life During Pregnancy Act was passed in 2013.

Coalition to Repeal the Eighth member organisations include:
• Abortion Rights Campaign
• Action for Choice
• AIMS
• Akidwa
• Anti-Austerity Alliance
• Anti-Racism Network
• Atheist Ireland
• Choice Ireland
• Cork Women’s Right to Choose
• Doctors for Choice
• Galway Pro-Choice
• Irish Council for Civil Liberties
• ICTU Youth
• Lawyers for Choice
• Mandate
• National Women’s Council of Ireland
• Northern Ireland Alliance for Choice
• People Before Profit Alliance
• Rape Crisis Network Ireland
• Re(al) Reproductive Health
• ROSA
• School of Social Justice UCD
• Socialist Party
• Socialist Workers Party
• TENI
• TFMR Ireland
• Trade Union Campaign to Repeal the 8th
• The Workers’ Party
• Union of Students in Ireland
• United Left
• UNITE The Union

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*While we have used the term woman here, the Coalition to Repeal the Eighth Amendment recognizes that not everyone who may need an abortion is a woman. We support access to abortion for everyone be they cis, trans or gender-fluid.