

Programme

- 10:00 Registration
- 10:30 Welcome & Introduction to the Parenting Network
- 10:50 Perspectives from Parents & Services
- Co-producing the Parents Plus Special Needs Programme
John Sharry, Founder, Parents Plus & Eileen Birchall, Parent
- Dad's Project – A lived Experience
Cahir Murray, Dad's Project Co-Ordinator, Parenting NI & Gary Nash, Parent
- 11:50 Co-production with Parents in Children's Services – Reflections from the UK
Lucie Stephens, Head of Co-Production, New Economics Foundation
- 12:50 Lunch
- 13:20 Perspectives from Ireland & Northern Ireland
- Parental Participation – The journey so far & future directions.
Catherine O'Donohoe,
Regional Implementation Manager for Prevention, Partnership & Family Support & Tusla Parenting Lead
- Co-production in action - a Northern Ireland perspective.
Helen Dunn, Implementation Manager, Health & Social Care Board NI & Mena Wilson, Chairperson, Family Group Conference (NI) Chairperson
- 14:20 What works to support Parental Participation – Panel Discussion
- Karen Kiernan (Chair)
CEO, One Family
- Catherine O Donohoe
Regional Implementation Manager for Prevention, Partnership & Family Support & Tusla Parenting Lead
- Helen Dunn
Implementation Manager, Health & Social Care Board NI
- Áine Lynch
CEO, National Parents Council
- Dr Carmel Corrigan
Head of Participation and Rights Education, Office of Ombudsman for Children
- Additional inputs to be confirmed
- 15:30 Closing remarks
Ciara Pidgeon, Parenting Support Unit, Department of Children and Youth Affairs