



**Opportunities and Challenges:
Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**

1 and 2 June 2011

Queen's University Belfast

Parallel Sessions

PARALLEL SESSION 1
WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE
11.00-12.45PM

1A Implementing Children's Rights (1)

- (1) What Is Wrong With Imagining a Universal 'Child'?**
Presenter: Noam Peleg, University College London, England, UK.
- (2) A minor matter? Worldwide contradictions and gaps in the implementation of Article 1 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child**
Presenter: Angela Melchiorre, ActionAid International.
- (3) Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child for 'youth': who and how?**
Presenter: Ellen Desmet and Kathy Vlieghe, Children's Rights Knowledge Centre, University of Leuven, Belgium.
- (4) The international priorities of children's rights advocacy since the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child**
Presenter: Michele Poretti and Karl Hanson, University Institute Kurt Bösch (IUKB), Sion, Switzerland.

1B Implementing Children's Rights (2)

- (1) Children's rights: The case of separated migrant children in Ireland.**
Presenters: Alastair Christie, Deirdre Horgan, Shirley Martin & Jacqui O'Riordan, University College Cork, Ireland.
- (2) Working towards a system of guardianship in Northern Ireland**
Presenter: Liz Griffith, Law Centre Northern Ireland, UK.
- (3) Implementing the Rights of Children in Detention**
Presenter: Ton Liefaard, Utrecht University.
- (4) UN Security Council resolutions concerning children affected by armed conflict: In whose "best interest"?**
Presenter: Sarah Field, University College Cork, Ireland.

1C Implementing Children's Rights (3)

- (1) Governance fit for children? Has the UK Government and the devolved administrations done enough to ensure effective co-ordination and monitoring of the CRC across the UK?**
Presenter: Louise King, Save the Children, UK.
- (2) The Implementation of the CRC in France**
Presenter: Sylvie Langlaude, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK.
- (3) The Implementation of the CRC in Scotland**
Presenter: David Beckett, SNP, City of Edinburgh Council, Scotland, UK.
- (4) Strategic approaches to bringing children's rights home – different routes to the same destination**
Presenter: Children's Law Centre, Northern Ireland, UK.

1D Children's Participation in Research

- (1) Exploring children as equal stakeholder's in research: The Process of Producing an Educational Resource using data from HBSC Ireland**
Presenter: Gail Cummins, Etain Kiely, Institute of Technology Sligo and Saoirse Nic Gabhainn, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland.
- (2) Student voice in a global context: where are we?**
Presenter: Ruth Leitch, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK.
- (3) Understanding 'me' to understand 'them': connecting the emotional aspect of participatory practice with children and young people**
Presenter: Victoria Jupp Kina, Brunel University, England, UK.
- (4) Exploring the methodological challenges of facilitating children's right to participate in their primary education**
Presenter: Karen Mahony, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

PARALLEL SESSION 2
WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE
3.30PM-5.15PM

2A The Role of Independent Children's Rights Institutions

(1) Making children's rights a reality: The role of independent children's rights institutions

Presenter: Nigel Thomas, University of Central Lancashire, Brian Gran, Case Western Reserve University and Karl Hanson, Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch.

(2) Perspectives from a Children's Commissioner

Presenter: Alex Tennant, Alison Montgomery, Jacqueline Melville and Caroline Cunningham, Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People, Northern Ireland, UK.

(3) What role is played by National Human Rights Institutions and National Children's Rights Institutions to defend children's rights?

Presenter: Andressa Curry Messer, University Institute Kurt Bösch (IUKB), Sion, Switzerland.

(4) Voices for all children: The role of Independent Human Rights Institutions for Children in realizing the rights of children left behind

Presenter: Vanessa Sedletzki, Child Rights Officer, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, Florence, Italy.

2B Education and Play

(1) A rights-based perspective to realising children's opportunity & access to play

Presenter: Roisin McCooey, PlayBoard, Northern Ireland, UK.

(2) Setting educational goals in terms of fulfillment of rights: the CRC and the quality of education

Presenter: Els Heijnen-Maathuis, SNV Uganda.

(3) Sectarian Schooling and the Rights of the Child

Presenter: Anne McGillivray, University of Manitoba.

(4) Implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by *The Moscow Framework for Action and Cooperation*

Presenter: Diana Chiara, University of Provence-IREMAM.

2C Indicators

- (1) Urban Quality Indicators for Child Friendly Cities.**
Presenter: Josep Muntañola Thörnberg and Gregorio Aranda Bricio. UNICEF, Spain.
- (2) Implementation of Children's Rights: Developing indicators for consideration of the views of children in the individual education plan (IEP)**
Presenter: Anita Prunty, St Patrick's College, Dublin, Ireland.
- (3) How to derive indicators of child protection in post-transit countries from the implementation of international standards by developed countries**
Presenter: Victoria Schmidt, Masaryk University, Czech Republic.
- (4) Developing indicators can enhance the effectiveness of peacemaking and peacekeeping processes in promoting rights of children during conflict and post-conflict situations in Africa**
Presenter: Sandra A. Oder, Institute for Security Studies, South Africa.

2D Implementing Children's Rights (4)

- (1) Whose rights are they anyway?: children, parents, educators.....**
Presenter: Rhona Smith, Northumbria University, Newcastle, England, UK.
- (2) Meeting Basic Needs of Children: CRC Principles and Promises**
Presenter: Jan CM Willems, Maastricht University.
- (3) It shouldn't hurt to be a child... Children, Young People & Domestic Abuse: the implications or influences of the CRC**
Presenter: Colm Dempsey, Ireland.
- (4) Kid marketing versus UNCRC: an increasingly urgent child rights issue**
Presenter: Anna Gambaro, Institute Universitaire Kurt Bösch, Switzerland.

**PARALLEL SESSION 3
THURSDAY 2 JUNE
11.00am -12.45pm**

3A Implementing Children's Rights (5)

- (1) Implementing the CRC in Sweden: is incorporation the answer?**
Presenter: Rebecca Stern, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund University, Sweden.
- (2) Incorporating children's rights into domestic law throughout the UK**
Sam Dimmock, UNICEF UK.
- (3) The Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011**
Presenter: Jane Williams, School of Law, Swansea University, Wales, UK.
- (4) The Convention on the Rights of the Child: Reinforcing civil society's monitoring and evaluation role**
Presenter: Guillaume Landry, International Bureau for Children's Rights, Montreal, Canada.

3B Monitoring Children's Rights

- (1) Monitoring the Rights of the African Child: Lessons for the International Child Rights Framework**
Presenter: Robert Johnson, Namibia.
- (2) Implementing children's right to effective remedy at the international level: The new draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child**
Presenter: Maria Pia Bianchetti.
- (3) Socioeconomic Rights and the UNCRC**
Presenter: Aoife Nolan, Durham Law School, England, UK.
- (4) The Reporting Process and State Accountability**
Presenter: Deena Haydon, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK.

3C Children's Rights Education (1)

- (1) Rights –respecting schools: the impact of embedding the UNCRC into the school ethos on the well-being of pupils**
Presenter: Frances Bestley and David McGimpsey, UNICEF UK.
- (2) Monitoring children's rights education for key professions in Wales**
Presenter: Pat Dunmore and Rhian Croke, Save the Children, UK.
- (3) Rethinking Children's Rights Education**
Presenter: Didier Reynaert, Maria Bouverne-De Bie and Stijn Vandeveldde, Ghent University.
- (4) The Right to Human Rights Education: Teachers' Understanding and Delivery of Human Rights Education in Irish Primary Schools**
Presenter: Fionnuala Waldron, Rowan Oberman and Catherine Maunsell St Patrick's College, Dublin, Ireland.

3D Legislation and Litigation

- (1) Children of the Pacific: Giving effect to Article 3 UNCRC in small island states**
Presenter: Sue Farran, Northumbria University, England, UK.
- (2) Rethinking the Criminal Responsibility of Young People in England**
Presenter: Raymond Arthur, Teesside University, England, UK.
- (3) Conflicting Rights: English Adoption Law and the Implementation of the UNCRC**
Presenter: Brian Sloan. King's College, Cambridge, England, UK.
- (4) Child Adoption in Nigeria vis-à-vis Child Rights Act 2003**
Presenter: Osuagwu Ugochukwu, Nigeria.

**PARALLEL SESSION 4
THURSDAY 2 JUNE
2.00PM-3.45PM**

4A Children's Rights Education (2)

- (1) Implementation of the UNCRC through education and training**
Presenter: Mark Kelly, Perth College UHI, UK.
- (2) Professionals' Knowledge of the CRC: An Indicator of Implementation in Canada**
Presenter: Ashley Stewart-Tufescu, University of Manitoba.
- (3) Spreading Awareness, Effecting Change: how journalism education can support public awareness of the CRC**
Presenter: Noirin Hayes, Brian O'Neill and Michael Foley, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland.
- (4) Activating The Role of University In revealing the culture of human rights education**
Presenter: Necim Sahar Twafeek, Mansoura University.

4B Implementation of Article 12 in a Legal Context

- (1) Both Seen and Heard: Implementation of Article 12 in the Legal Context**
Presenter: Aoife Daly, University of Essex, England, UK.
- (2) An exploration of the legal content of the right of the child to be heard in democratic governance**
Presenter: Meda Couzens, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa.
- (3) Child War Victims' Right to be Heard as Applied by the International Criminal Court**
Presenter: Helen Hamzei, Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University.

4C Implementing Children's Rights (6)

- (1) "Developing "Rights Readiness": The Local Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Prince Edward Island, Canada"**
Presenter: Kara O'Brien, Canada.
- (2) Challenges in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child Implementation: Death penalty and the case of Sudan**
Presenter: Francesca Marzatico, EU Senior Legal Expert to the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission.
- (3) CRC in Portugal: opportunities, challenges and constraints**
Presenter: Natália Fernandes: Universidade do Minho, Braga Portugal;
Catarina Tomás: Escola Superior de Educação, Lisboa and
CICS/Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal.
- (4) Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Angola, Cape Verde and Mozambique: Opportunities and challenges**
Presenter: Aquinaldo Célio Mandlate, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

4D Implementing Children's Rights (7)

- (1) The Individualisation of Children within the Trafficking Legal Framework**
Presenter: Dianne Scullion, Liverpool Law School, England, UK.
- (2) Child Protection and the UNCRC**
Presenter: Karen Winter, Queens' University Belfast, UK.
- (3) A study of children's experiences of being a foster child**
Presenter: Annabel Goodyer, LSBU Social Work, England, UK.
- (4) Safeguarding Children & Primary Health Care Professionals in Northern Ireland**
Presenter: Nicoli Morrison, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK.