



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

Conference Programme  
12.09.2015  
Gresham Hotel, Dublin 1

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

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

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*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

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*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

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*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 Combte, Mandate

Clare Daly TD

3.30pm - 4.30pm

## Campaigning Voices

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*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.*