



Údarás Náisiúnta Míchumais  
National Disability Authority

# Public and political participation of disabled people

## Annual Conference 2023

10:00am – 4:15pm, Thursday, 26 October 2023

### Conference Programme

9.30	Tea and Coffee
10.00	<b>Introduction to NDA Annual Conference 2023 –</b> Dr Aideen Hartney, Director, National Disability Authority
10.05	<b>Welcome Address</b> Kathryn O'Donoghue, Chairperson, National Disability Authority
10.10	<b>Ministerial Address</b> Anne Rabbitte T.D., Minister of State with responsibility for Disabilities, Department of Health and Department of Children, Disability, Equality, Integration and Youth
10.20	<b>Session 1: International innovations for accessible voting</b>  Chair: Annette Costello, Member, Disability Stakeholders Group (DSG).
10.55	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:00	<b>Break</b>
11.15	<b>Session 2: Accessibility of voting in Ireland</b>

Chair: Lorraine Lally, Barrister at Law.

**12.05 Q&A**

**12.10 Session 3: Participation in public life**

Chair: Siobhán McKenna, Head of Equality, Diversity & Inclusion at the Public Appointments Service (publicjobs.ie).

**12:50 Q&A**

**13:00 Lunch**

**13.40 Session 4: Political participation of disabled people in Ireland**

Chair: Dr Tom Clonan, Senator to Seanad Éireann.

**14:25 Q&A**

**14.35 Break**

**14.50 Session 5: Political representation of disabled people: international context and initiatives**

Chair: Noelle O'Connell, CEO, European Movement Ireland.

**15:25 Q&A**

**15.35 Wrap-up: Reflections from elected representatives**

Chair: James Cawley, Business Development Executive, Irish Centre for Diversity.

**16:05 Conference Close - Aideen Hartney**