

# WOMEN'S AID IMPACT REPORT 2016 LAUNCH

Wednesday 17th May 2017

Schedule 11am to 12.15pm

## CHAIR: Sinéad Burke

Opening remarks  
*Sinéad Burke*

Women's Aid Video Presentation  
*Margaret Martin*

Understanding the impact of domestic violence on children  
*Professor Stephanie Holt*

Remarks by Minister for Children & Youth Affairs  
*Katherine Zappone, T.D.*

Children, domestic violence and family law  
*Ursula Regan*

Protecting women protects children. The change we need to see.  
*Margaret Martin*

Questions and Answers  
*chaired by Sinéad Burke*

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# SPEAKERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

## SINÉAD BURKE



Sinéad Burke is a PhD candidate, primary school teacher, broadcaster and an advocate. Sinéad is undertaking her PhD in the School of Education, Trinity College. Her research is correlated with the United

Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child, with particular emphasis on the voice of the child within the primary school classroom. Sinéad employs social media and blogging to amplify minority voices, the personal narratives of 'Extraordinary Women' and as a tool for advocacy as a disabled woman. She is an ambassador for the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and a Leonardo at the Science Gallery in Dublin.

## KATHERINE ZAPPONE, T.D.



Appointed Minister for Children and Youth Affairs on May 6th, 2016. Dr. Katherine Zappone was nominated to the 24th Seanad Éireann by Taoiseach Enda Kenny in 2011. She was elected to Dail Éireann for the Dublin

South West Constituency in February 2016. She is a former Commissioner with the Irish Human Rights Commission (2002-2012) and a former CEO of the National Women's Council of Ireland. Dr. Katherine Zappone has spent her life campaigning on social justice issues to ensure that everyone is treated equally with fairness and justice.

She is co-founder of An Cosán, an organisation that combats inter-generational poverty through education and training, with her spouse Dr. Ann Louise Gilligan. Minister Zappone holds a PhD from Boston College, an MBA from the Smurfit Business School and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from UCD School of Law

## MARGARET MARTIN



Margaret has been Director of Women's Aid since 2003. Women's Aid has been working in Ireland to stop domestic violence against women and children since 1974 and is a leading national organisation which provides

information and support to women and their children affected by abuse. Margaret has over 30 years' experience in the NGO sector including the areas of domestic and sexual violence, health and education.

## URSULA REGAN



Ursula is a solicitor and partner in the firm Regan Law. She deals exclusively in the area of Family Law and has worked extensively in the area of domestic violence. She is the current chair of the Women's Aid Board of Directors, having

served on it for over 15 years.

## STEPHANIE HOLT



Stephanie Holt is an associate professor in the School of Social Work & Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin. Prior to her current academic post she worked as a community care social worker and co-ordinated a Family Support

Service in the South Western Area Health Board of Dublin. Her academic and research interests include; domestic violence, intimate partner homicide and risk assessment, child contact, child care and family support. She has a particular interest in ascertaining and representing the voice of the child in research. She is currently Chair of the Irish branch of BASPCAN (British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect).