



## THE IMPACT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT (HRA) IN NORTHERN IRELAND

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016, UNISON

9.30 – 10.00		<b>Registration Tea/Coffee</b>
10.00 – 10.05		<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> – Adrienne Reilly, Human Rights Consortium
10.05 – 10.15	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Scene Setting-</b> the context of the Human Rights Act in Northern Ireland - Kevin Hanratty, Human Rights Consortium  CHAIR: Patrick Corrigan, Amnesty International
10.15 – 10.45		<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH – The Role of the Human Rights Act in policing in Northern Ireland</b> – Senior Representative, PSNI (Followed by Q & A)
10.45 – 12.00	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Reflections on the HRA in Northern Ireland (Civil &amp; Political)</b>  Speakers: Brian Gormally, Committee on the Administration of Justice; Niall Murphy, Kevin Winters Solicitors (Followed by Q & A)
12.00 – 1.00		<b>LUNCH</b>  CHAIR: Patricia McKeown, UNISON
1.00 – 1.45	<b>Session 3</b>	<b>The Constitutional significance of the Human Rights Act in Northern Ireland</b> , Prof. Chris McCrudden, Queens University Belfast (Followed by Q & A)
1.45 – 1.50		<b>Hospitality Break</b>
1.50 – 3.15	<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Reflections on the HRA in Northern Ireland (Social &amp; Economic)</b>  Speakers: Margaret Kelly, Director, Mencap; Monica Wilson, Disability Action; Paddy Kelly, Director, Children’s Law Centre; Edel Quinn, Strategic Policy Advisor, Age NI (Followed by Q & A)
3.15 – 3.30		<b>Closing Remarks</b> – Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission