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Ireland Institute, 27 Pearse St., Dublin 2.

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Social Justice & Human Rights

Dr. Carol Coulter is Director of the Child Care Law Reporting Project and a former Legal Affairs Editor with the Irish Times which she joined in 1986. She has been deputy News Editor, acting London editor and acting Belfast editor. She has won a number of journalism awards, including a National Media Award and the overall Justice Media Award in 2012 for her coverage of legal and justice issues. Carol's chairing of previous Sheehy Skeffington Schools contributed substantively to the level of discussion on the subjects under consideration.

Clare Daly is a TD for the United Left Alliance in the constituency of Dublin North. Formerly a Students' Union President in NIHE and later DCU as well as a long standing SIPTU shop steward in Dublin Airport when she worked for Aer Lingus, Clare has a long track record as a campaigner for workers rights and the interests of the community.

Michael Farrell is the senior solicitor with FLAC. He formerly worked as a solicitor in private practice and has taken cases to the European Court of Human Rights, the UN Human Rights Committee and the European Committee of Social Rights. He is a former Co-Chairperson of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties and was a member of the Irish Human Rights Commission from 2001 to 2011 and of the working group on the proposed merger of the IHRC and the Equality Authority. He is the Irish member of the Council of Europe Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) and a member of the Council of State.

Seanie Lambe is the Chairperson of the Inner City Organisations Network (ICON). He has been involved in the development of the area for many years and sits on a number of boards. He is currently the Director of the Inner City Renewal Group (ICRG).

Dr. Leeann Lane is Head of Irish Studies and Head of the School of Humanities at the Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin City University. She is the author of *Rosamond Jacob: Third Person Singular* (2010). She is a member of the "Expert Advisory Group on the Decade of Commemorations" appointed by the Government in 2012.

Donal O'Kelly is one of Ireland's foremost socially engaged playwrights. His recent production, 'Hairy Jaysus' is a bifocal perspective of Francis Sheehy Skeffington's final hours – through historical and contemporary viewpoints. His other plays include Catalpa, Jimmy Joyced! and Bat the Father Rabbit the Son. Donal's creations include The Cambria, The Adventures Of The Wet Señor, Vive La, Operation Easter, Asylum! Asylum!, The Dogs, Farawayan and The Hand. As an actor, he has appeared in Translations, Juno and the Paycock and The Tempest in the Abbey, played Lucky in the Gate Theatre's Waiting For Godot, and on screen played leading roles in Kings, The Van, and Spin The Bottle, as well as RTE's Paths to Freedom and Fair City.

Gareth Peirce is a solicitor, educated at Cheltenham Ladies' College, University of Oxford and the London School of Economics. She is best known for her tireless, groundbreaking work and advocacy in high-profile cases involving miscarriages of justice, and those of people (particularly Irish and Islamist) accused or convicted under anti-terrorist legislation. Gareth's calm and reflective demeanour belies a passionate and longstanding commitment to the use of law to promote human rights and justice for the most vulnerable.