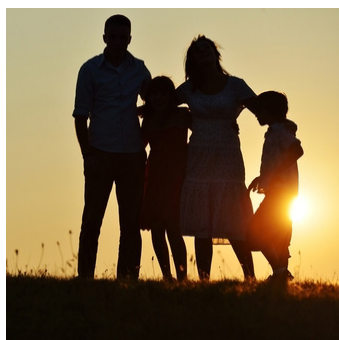


Migrant family reunification: policy and practice

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This conference will provide an opportunity to exchange information on family reunification schemes, in Ireland and abroad. Speakers from OECD, UNHCR and the IOM will provide international context. Drawing on the findings of a recently published European Migration Network study the family reunification policy frameworks operational elsewhere in the EU will be discussed and compared. Insights on the family reunification system operational in Ireland will be provided by the responsible authorities as well as I/NGOs working in the field.



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Agenda

09:00 **Arrival and registration**

09:25 **Welcome:** Alan Barrett, Economic and Social Research Institute

Session 1: International context

09:30 **Chair:** Michael Walsh, Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service

An overview of family migration in OECD countries: scale and characteristics
Jonathan Chaloff, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Migrant family reunification at IOM: Programme solutions
Patrick Corcoran, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Refugee family reunification
Daniela Cicchella, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency

10:30 **Questions and answers**

10:45 **Coffee break**

Session 2: Family reunification and policy in the EU Member States

11:00 **Chair:** Emma Quinn, EMN Ireland, Economic and Social Research Institute

Family reunification of non-EU nationals: Ireland in an EU context
Samantha Arnold, EMN Ireland, Economic and Social Research Institute

Family reunification of non-EU nationals in the Netherlands
Hans Lemmens, EMN NCP Netherlands, Immigration and Naturalisation Service, Netherlands

Family reunification of beneficiaries of International Protection in France
Julie Wington, Direction Générale des étrangers en France, Ministère de l'Intérieur
(General Directorate for Foreign Nationals in France, Ministry of the Interior)

12:00 **Questions and answers**

12:15 **Lunch**

Session 3: Family reunification in Ireland

13:30 **Chair:** John Roycroft, Irish Refugee Protection Programme

International Protection and family reunification in Ireland
Brian Merriman, Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service

Family reunification – A view from the Coalface
Fiona Hurley, Nasc: The Irish Immigrant Support Centre

The Travel Assistance Programme – Effective access to family reunification
Susan McMonagle, UNHCR Ireland

14:30 **Questions and answers**

14:45 **Closing remarks**

Speakers and Chairs



Alan Barrett

Director, Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)

Alan joined the ESRI in 1994. From 2001 to 2003, Alan was seconded to the Department of Finance where he worked on the long-term fiscal implications of population ageing. From 2011 to 2013, he was seconded to the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA) at Trinity College Dublin where he worked as Project Director. He was a member of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council from 2011 to 2015. Alan is a Research Fellow with IZA (Institute for Labor Economics) in Bonn, Germany and an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland.

Michael Walsh

Principal Officer, Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS), Department of Justice and Equality.

Michael has headed up the Immigration and Citizenship Policy Division since June 2016. Prior to that he was HR Manager for the Department between May 2011 and June 2016. He has also served in other key areas of the Department of Justice and Equality, including the Organisation Development Unit on change management projects, the Office of the Minister as Programme Delivery Manager, and Civil Law Reform Division where he was responsible for liquor licensing reform.

Jonathan Chaloff

Senior Administrator, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Jonathan is a comparative migration policy expert at the International Migration Division of the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the OECD, specialised in admission policies and management of economic migration. Among recent reports he authored and co-authored are Recruiting Immigrant Workers: Europe (2016), Norway (2014), Germany (2013) and Sweden (2011); Jobs for Immigrants: Italy (2014); and the OECD Review of Labour Market and Social Policies: Latvia (2016) and Israel (2010).

He has also written and co-written OECD book chapters and working papers, including “A portrait of family migration in OECD countries” (2017), “The Impact of EU Directives on the labour migration framework in EU countries” (2016), “Managing labour migration: Smart policies to support economic growth” (2014), and “Managing Highly-Skilled Labour Migration: A Comparative Analysis of Migration Policies and Challenges in OECD Countries” (2009).

He has worked directly with a wide range of governments and non-governmental organisations to provide policy evaluation, support and consulting for 20 years. Prior to coming to the OECD in 2007, he was the immigration specialist for the Italian foundation Censis (1997-2004). He has also worked for international organisations on labour migration management issues in origin countries including Albania and Ukraine. He was the correspondent for Italy to the OECD’s SOPEMI network from 1998 to 2006, and co-ordinated a trilateral working group on implementation of the 1998 Italian framework immigration law (1998-2002).



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Patrick Corcoran

Senior Specialist, Immigrant and Border Management Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Patrick has been with IOM for over 17 years and he is currently posted at the IOM headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. He is the lead in developing IOM's approach in Facilitating Migration (FM) for both regular and complementary pathways, and positioning this approach amongst the UN system and Member States through policy engagement, global programme development, and guidance to IOM field Missions in implementation. The FM thematic area is of broad and current interest with recognition of its importance highlighted in IOM's Migration Governance Framework, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the on-going Global Compact for Migration process in relation to regular and complementary migration pathways, as well as countering irregular migration. Examples of multi-regional and global IOM FM programmes developed by and under Patrick's oversight, include the German Family Assistance Programme for Syrian and Iraqi families in Turkey and the Middle East region, and visa facilitation programmes for Canada and the United Kingdom in 55 countries under a unique public private partnership. He also helped coordinate the rapid resettlement of over 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada in 2016-2017.

Patrick was previously the Head of Office for IOM in Vietnam between 2005 and 2009, where he established successful FM programmes for the Governments of Australia, Canada and the United States. Prior to joining IOM, Patrick worked as Field Support Coordinator for the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) based in Bangkok, Thailand and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, where he managed refugee resettlement programming at ICMC for the United States Orderly Departure Programme (ODP). He is an American national with a degree in public relations from the University of Florida.

Daniela C. Cicchella

Assistant Representative (Protection) of the United Nations Refugee Agency in Jordan

Daniela has been managing the protection team and coordinating the protection response to the Syria Crisis in Jordan since 2013. In 2015 and 2016, UNHCR Jordan was the largest UNHCR resettlement operation globally and assisted more than 50,000 refugees to find solutions in third countries. In her 22 years of career, Daniela served in different capacities in various countries and regions to help refugees, internally displaced persons and stateless persons.

Daniela held diverse assignments, primarily with protection and management responsibilities, often leading innovative projects. She was the Head of Office in Hong Kong (SAR) and in Croatia she managed a Field Office where she facilitated the voluntary return of refugees in a post-conflict environment. In Kenya, she managed the Regional Resettlement Hub, expanding the resettlement programs in 26 countries in Africa. She also held assignments in Turkey and at the UNHCR HQs in Geneva, including as Human Rights Liaison and Investigator. Daniela is a lawyer holding advanced degrees in Sociology of Law and Legal Anthropology. She is married with one daughter. She speaks fluent English, French, Italian and Spanish.

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Emma Quinn

Head of the Irish National Contact Point of the European Migration Network (EMN) within the ESRI.

Emma has coordinated the Irish National Contact Point since 2011. She has authored/co-authored a range of studies on migration and asylum related issues, including: labour migration, return migration, reception centres, access to social security and unaccompanied minors. Emma also co-authors a series of Monitoring Reports on Integration.

She holds an M.A. in Geography from University College Dublin (UCD). Emma also holds a B.A. in English and Geography (UCD), a Diploma in Immigration and Asylum Law (Kings Inns) and a Diploma in Statistics (Trinity College Dublin).

Samantha Arnold

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at EMN Ireland within the ESRI and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Law at Trinity College Dublin.

Samantha completed her PhD in the School of Law, Trinity College Dublin. She holds an LLM awarded by University College Cork and an MA in International Relations awarded by Dublin City University. She completed her B.A. in Spanish and Hispanic Studies in New York at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Prior to joining the Economic and Social Research Institute, Samantha was the Children's and Young Persons' Officer at the Irish Refugee Council. Samantha's research interests include refugee and immigration law and policy and children's rights law.

Hans Lemmens

Coordinator of the National Contact Point of the Netherlands for the European Migration Network and a researcher at the Immigration and Naturalisation Service's Research and Analysis Unit.

The Dutch EMN NCP as a part of the Immigration and Naturalisation Service has been actively involved in the European Migration Network (EMN) since its formal inception in 2008 and even before, when the network was still in its pilot phase.

As a part of the Agency's research and analysis unit, the National Contact Point is well-placed within the government to collect up-to-date, objective and comparable information on asylum and migration in the Netherlands. Hans has been the national coordinator for the EMN since 2009. He is also involved in the policy research carried out by the Unit.

Hans has worked for the Research and Analysis unit since 2004, mostly as part of the EMN team within the unit, participating in numerous EMN studies.

Before 2004 he has worked in the field of asylum within the Immigration and Naturalisation Service.



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Julie Wington

Head of the Refugee Families Office, General Directorate for Foreign Nationals in France, Ministry of the Interior

Julie was appointed Head of the Refugee Families Office in 2015. The Refugee Families Office is in charge of steering the procedure of family reunification of refugees, beneficiaries of subsidiary protection or stateless persons with regard to legislation, support of the consular posts and the examination of applications.

Prior to this Julie was, as an executive in the prefecture of Colmar (Alsace), Troyes (Champagne) and Noumea (New Caledonia), responsible for the implementation of the State's territorial policy in the following areas: foreign nationals, human resources, territorial planning and development policy, cross-border cooperation with Germany and Switzerland and accompaniment of New Caledonia towards its autonomy.

John Roycroft

Programme Director of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP)

John is the Programme Director of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme which was established by the Government in September 2015 in response to the migration crisis in central and southern Europe. The Government has agreed to accept 4,000 persons into Ireland under this programme.

John joined the Irish civil service in 1978 and has since worked in a wide variety of different roles and capacities in organisations ranging from the Revenue Commissioners, the Department of Finance to the Houses of the Oireachtas. In 2000 he joined the Department of Justice and Equality.

Within the Department of Justice and Equality he has worked in areas as diverse as the Garda Síochána Complaints Board, International Policy, the Reception and Integration Agency, the Casino Committee and Corporate Affairs.

He also led the teams responsible for the organisation and delivery of all Department of Justice events and conferences in Ireland during two Irish EU Presidencies, in 2004 and 2013. From 2007 to 2009 he served as Secretary General of the Irish Red Cross.

John has a BA in Public Administration from the Institute of Public Administration and an MSc Econ in Policy Studies from Trinity College.

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Brian Merriman

Principal Officer in the International Protection Policy Division in the Department of Justice and Equality

Brian is Principal Officer in the International Protection Policy Division in the Department of Justice and Equality dealing with matters such as the International Protection Act 2015 and the McMahon Report.

Brian holds a Master's degree in Equality Studies from University College Dublin, was previously an Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Equality Authority and its Head of Communications and Head of Legal Services.

Previously he was assistant CEO of the Employment Equality Agency and Press/Information Officer in State Agencies and Government departments including the Government Information Service.

Fiona Hurley

Legal Service Manager, Nasc: The Irish Immigrant Support Centre

Fiona holds a Bachelor of Law degree (BCL) and a Master of Laws (LL.M) from University College Cork. Fiona focused her research on human rights in the domestic sphere and completed her thesis on the Protection of Minority Rights. Fiona also holds a diploma in Leadership and Management.

Fiona joined Nasc in 2010. Fiona worked as an immigration consultant with Nasc before taking up a role as Legal Information and Capacity Building Officer with responsibility for delivering immigration, asylum and social welfare training to statutory and non-statutory bodies including NGOs and Citizens Information Centres. Fiona was later appointed a Senior Legal Officer with Nasc before becoming the manager of Nasc's Legal Service in 2016.

Fiona is Nasc's representative at the European Migration Forum, PICUM and the European Resettlement Network and formerly represented Nasc as co-chair of the Migrant Consultative Forum (MCF).

Fiona is deeply committed to the promotion of human rights through local civil society organisations and is currently a board member of the Cork City Centre Citizens Information Service.

Susan McMonagle

Senior Protection Assistant, UNHCR Ireland, UN Refugee Agency

Susan is the Senior Protection Assistant at UNHCR Ireland. She holds a B.A. in Applied Languages (German & Spanish) with Intercultural Studies and a M.A. in International Relations from Dublin City University.

Her M.A. thesis examined the international refugee framework with regard to people displaced across international borders by environmental disasters.

In 2015, she completed the Diploma in Legal Studies at the Honorable Society of King's Inns. Susan was called to The Bar of Ireland in 2017.



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