

IRELAND AND A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME

Half-Day Conference

Monday December 10th, 2018 1:30pm-5:00pm

Quinn School of Business, University College Dublin

National and international experiences of inequality have come into greater focus in recent years. Driven by new data and new research insights, increased attention is being given to ways in which the causes and outcomes of these inequalities can be addressed.

Central to many of these discussions has been a proposal for societies to provide a stable and recurring income floor via a Universal Basic Income. In Ireland, these debates highlight a long-standing interest in a Basic Income as an alternative to much of the current, and complex, redistributive system.

This half-day conference provides an opportunity to explore this proposal and investigate the context, attitudes, options and challenges around the adoption of a Basic Income in Ireland. The conference also marks the tenth anniversary of the 12th BIEN International Congress on Basic Income which was held at UCD during 2008.

The conference is **free to attend**; however, places are limited, and **prior-registration is required**.

REGISTRATION: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/ireland-and-a-universal-basic-income-tickets-53116282230>

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The conference is jointly hosted by:



**School of Social Policy, Social Work and
Social Justice**

Geary Institute for Public Policy



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Conference venue: Room Q115, Quinn School of Business, UCD

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| 1:00 | Registration
<i>Tea/Coffee available</i> |
| 1:30-1:45 | Introduction & Welcome
Introduction from chair of the first session: Ursula Barry, <i>School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD</i>

Welcome:
Professor Michelle Norris, <i>School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD</i>
Eileen Boyle, <i>Basic Income Ireland</i> |
| 1:45-2:10 | Income (& Wealth) in Ireland: an overview
Dr Micheál Collins, <i>School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD</i> |
| 2:10-2:35 | Attitudes to Basic Income in Ireland: new evidence from the European Social Survey
Dr Daniel Capistrano, <i>ESS Post-Doctoral Researcher at the UCD Geary Institute of Public Policy</i> |
| 2:35-3:00 | New Contexts for a Basic Income in Ireland: low pay, tax systems and more
Seán Ward, <i>Basic Income Researcher</i> |
| 3:00-3:30 | Tea/Coffee break |
| 3:30-4:20 | A Basic Income for Ireland: two proposals

Introduction from chair of the second session: Anne B. Ryan, <i>Basic Income Ireland</i>

An Income Tax Reform proposal to deliver a Universal Basic Income (UBI) to all income earners
David Quinn, <i>Payroll service specialist and Basic Income Ireland</i>

Examining the effects of a Basic Income in Ireland - Tax rates and distributional effects
Eamon Murphy, <i>Social Justice Ireland</i> |
| 4:20-4:55 | Opportunities and Challenges for a Basic Income in Ireland

Open session discussing opportunities and challenges for research and policy around Basic Income in Ireland in the years ahead.
Session led by Anne B. Ryan, <i>Basic Income Ireland</i> |
| 4:55-5:00 | Closing Remarks
Dr Seán Healy, <i>Social Justice Ireland</i> |

GETTING TO UCD AND THE CONFERENCE VENUE

VENUE

The Conference is being held in the Quinn School of Business at UCD – the same venue as the BIEN conference in 2008.

A Google map of the UCD campus with the Quinn School marked is [available here](#).

There are other maps available here (the conference venue is marked as number 49 on the map):

<http://ucdestates.ie/information/ucd-maps/>



TRAVELING TO AND FROM UCD

Buses:

The following buses serve UCD from Dublin City Centre: 39A (direct to campus), 46A (N11 entrance) and 145 (N11 entrance). The campus is also served by a number of Bus Eireann routes, Wexford Bus and Aircoach.

The conference venue is a short walk from the 39A campus bus stop (walk around part of the lake) or walking from the N11 entrance walk straight onto campus, veer to the left just after the AIB bank and the Quinn School is opposite the lake.

Driving:

There is a limited amount of car parking available on the UCD campus which is available on a first come first served basis and is free of charge outside term time (including the period when the conference is taking place). If driving, enter via the N11 Stillorgan Road entrance (see map attached) and turn left once you have entered the campus and continue to drive along this road until you see a Centra Shop on the left. Parking is available opposite the shop and further past the shop (after the building site). Both car parks are adjacent to the conference venue.

Bicycle:

Covered bicycle parking areas are located outside the workshop venue.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need assistance finding the conference venue etc, please contact Owen Kinsella, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice UCD: 01 -716 8198.

OTHER DETAILS

Tea and coffee will be provided to participants and Wi-Fi (UCD Wireless) is available.