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**Steven Agnew, MLA**  
**Chair of the All Party Group on Children & Young People**

**requests the pleasure of your company**

**at**

**Making it Happen: Action Plan to End Child Poverty in NI**

**in the**

**Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings, Belfast**  
**on behalf of**

**The Child Poverty Alliance**

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 9.00 am**

***(Note: places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis)***

**RSVP not later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to [info@ci-ni.org.uk](mailto:info@ci-ni.org.uk)**

**Agenda**



# Child Poverty Alliance

campaigning to eradicate child poverty

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**Conference: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings**

**Chaired by Dawn Purvis**

**09:00 – 09:30**

Registration

**09:30 – 09:35**

Welcome: **Steven Agnew**, MLA, Chair of the All Party Group on Children & Young People

**09:35 – 10:15**

Keynote speaker: **Richard Wilkinson**, *Growth of structural inequality in our society and its impact on children and young people.*

**10:15 – 10:25**

The European Union and Ending Child Poverty – **Jana Hainsworth**,  
**Secretary General, Eurochild**

**10:25 – 10:35**

State of Child Poverty in Northern Ireland – **Goretti Horgan**, **Ulster University**

**10:35 – 10:45**

Child Poverty in Austere Times – The Rights of the Child – **Mairead McCafferty**, **Chief Executive, NI Children's Commissioner's Office**

**10:45 – 11:00**

Break

### **Tackling Child Poverty – The Debate:**

**11:00 – 11:20**

**The Urban/Rural Picture:** Belfast City Council approach to tackling poverty and inequalities – **Jill Minne**, Belfast City Council  
Newry & Mourne Council approach to tackling poverty and inequalities – **Liam Hannaway**, Chief Executive

**11:20 – 11:30**

**The Statutory Picture:** Early Intervention and Prevention, Outcomes Based Accountability – **Maurice Leeson**, Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

**11.30 – 11:50**

**The Community/Voluntary Picture:** **Pauline Brown**, Regional Manager, St Vincent de Paul & **Lynsey Graham** Child Food Poverty Policy Advisor

**11:50 – 12:00**

**Central Government Picture:** Making the links between the UNCRC, the EU, the Child Poverty Act obligations, the Programme for Government commitments and the potential of community planning. – **Minister for Communities (TBC)**

**12:00 – 12:20**

**Local Action to tackle child poverty – community planning examples from Scotland** (Community Planning as a tool for reducing child poverty) - **John McKendrick**, Glasgow Caledonian University

**12:20 – 13:00**

Panel Discussion

**13.00 – 13.30**

Lunch

**13.30 – 14.00**

**Group discussions:** Joining the Dots: What do you need to tackle child poverty in your area?

**14:00– 14:15**

**Next steps:** Pauline Leeson, Chief Executive Children in Northern Ireland & Chair of the Child Poverty Alliance

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