The UNESCO Symposium on Youth Civic Engagement and Leadership through Sport and Recreation

at Croke Park - Dublin - 28 August 2014



Thursday, 28 August 2014 UNESCO Symposium - Croke Park Stadium, Dublin, Ireland

9:00-9:15am

Welcome and Introduction

UNESCO Chairs: Brennan, Dolan, and Smith

9:15-11:00am

Panel #1- Youth leadership and civic engagement through sports & recreation

- Professor Mark Brennan UNESCO Chair, Penn State
- Alan Kerins Irish GAA star Founder of Alan Kerins Projects
- Hugo MacNeill Rugby All-Star Ireland Managing Director Goldman Sachs -Chair, The Ireland Funds
- Thomas Turley Ardoyne Foroige Youth Leader
- Alan Waite Shankill Foroige Youth Leader
- Eoin Dolan Youth Development Specialist, Foroige Music, Arts, and Sports program
- **Dr. Linda Caldwell** Professor, Recreation, Park & Tourism Management

11:00-11:15am

Break

11:15-1:00pm

Panel #2- Using social inclusion to overcome disabilities and institutionalization

- Professor Pat Dolan UNESCO Chair, NUI-Galway
- Kristyna Opltova Youth advocate
- Martin Chyba Youth advocate
- Ingrid Hanzlikova Lumos
- Zlata Bruzkova Lumos
- Ms. Georgette Mulheir Chief Executive, Lumos Foundation

1:00-2:00pm

Lunch and Keynote Speech

 Don Mullan - Acclaimed author - Founder of the Christmas Truce and Flanders Peace Field Project – Contributor to the Frederick Douglass/Daniel O'Connell Memorial and the Pelé Legacy Project.

2:00-3:15pm

Welcome to the Afternoon Session

• Mr. Stuart Dwyer - US Embassy in Dublin, Charge d'affaires

Panel #3 – Sport and peacebuilding

- Professor Alan Smith UNESCO Chair, Ulster
- Minister Jennifer McCann MLA, Northern Ireland Assembly
- Keith Gibson Football Development Manager, Irish Football Association
- Ryan Feeney Head of Community Dev., Strategy and Public Affairs, Ulster GAA
- Chris Webster Domestic Rugby Manager, Ulster Rugby
- Gareth Harper Managing Director, Peace Players International
- Mr. Paul Smyth Director, Public Achievement
- Professor Deirdre Brennan Physical Education and Sport, Ulster

3:15-4:30pm

Panel #4 - Empowering women and girls through engagement

- Dr. Rosemary Jolly Professor, Weiss Chair in the Humanities
- Dr. Jill Engle Associate Professor of Clinical Law, Penn State Director, Family Law Clinic
- Katie Ganser Victory Scholar, Sports Changes Life
- Sarah Eissler PSU UNESCO Program, 4k for Cancer and Thon Marathoner
- Maryrose Yerger UNICEF Penn State
- Dr. Sue Redmond Foroige, Best Practice Unit

4:30-4:45pm

Break

4:45-5:15pm

- Framing of the Croke Park Declaration on Youth Leadership and Development through Sport and Recreation
- Symposium wrap-up and closing statements

5:15-6:00pm

Tour of GAA Museum and Croke Park Stadium for all participants

Saturday, 30 August 2014

Croke Park Classic Football Game: PSU vs. UCF - Croke Park Stadium, Dublin, Ireland

1:30pm (approximately)

Post-First Quarter Event Promoting UNESCO and the UNESCO Chairs Program

Video & On-field recognition of the UNESCO Chairs, VIPs, and Youth Leaders