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Free Seminar on

40 years of Ireland and Social Europe

Looking back and looking forward

Friday 15 November 2013

9.30 to 1pm

**European Parliament Information Office
Molesworth Street, Dublin 2.**

This meeting is an opportunity to look back and take stock, to hear from some of those who were present during the social policy debates in 1973 and in the implementation of policy and to consider some of the current and future challenges facing Irish and European social policy.

Programme and Speakers

Chairperson: Emer Costello, MEP

9.30-11.00: Session 1: Reflection of 40 years of Ireland in Social Europe

- **Dr Carole Holohan** (UCD: Overview of Irish society and social policy before accession
- **Anthony Brown**: The battle in 1973 for equal pay and combating poverty
- **Fr. Michael Mernagh**: reflections on the poverty programmes
- **Speaker tbc**: overview of the impact of equality legislation

11.15-1pm: Session 2: Looking forward

- **Professor Hugh Frazer**, NUIM: Challenges for European and Irish social policy
- **Orla O'Connor**, Director National Women's Council of Ireland: reflections on the future of gender equality policy
- **Robin Hanan**, Director European Anti Poverty Network Ireland: reflections on the future of policy on social inclusion

To register (free)

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