

Thursday


10

April 2014

**Community
Responding to
Homelessness**

**Bray
Homeless
Forum**

Mermaid Theatre



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**Complimentary
1st Seminar**

**9.00am
Registration**



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BRAY HOMELESS FORUM

Bray Homeless Forum was established by a cross-sectoral group involving a broad range of statutory, community and voluntary organisations concerned about the issue of homelessness in the Bray area. Current participating organisations in Bray Homeless Forum include Bray Area Partnership, Bray Community Addiction Team, Bray Citizens Information Centre, Bray Local Drugs Task Force, Bray Money Advice & Budgeting Service, Bray Town Council, Bray Travellers Community Development Group, Bray Women's Refuge, An Garda Síochána, Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed North Wicklow Branch, Little Bray Family Resource Centre & St. Fergal's Resource Centre, Sa Bhaile, The Simon Community and Wicklow Homeless Five Loaves.

The mission of the Bray Homeless Forum is to inform local, regional and national homeless related policies and procedures and to strengthen working relationships between relevant agencies and services in order to reduce and prevent homelessness in the Bray area.

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Venue: Mermaid Arts Centre, Bray

Date: Thursday, 10th April 2014

Outline of the Day

9.00am: Registration, Tea / Coffee Refreshments

Chairperson: Ms Annette Kennedy, Bray Homeless Forum

9.30am: Welcome Cllr Tracy O'Brien, Cathaoirleach, Bray Town Council

9.40am: Homelessness at a Crossroads
Senator Aideen Hayden, Chairperson of Threshold

10.00am: Overview of Bray Homeless Forum & Strategy
Ms Mary O'Carolan, Bray Area Partnership

10.20am: "A Personal Journey Through Homelessness"
Ms Nicola Jones, Sa Baile

Chairperson: Mr Anthony Murnane, RTE News Presenter/Deputy Foreign Editor

10.40am: Planning for a Better Future - Strategies to End Homelessness
Discussion Panel with Questions & Answers
Ms Margaret Malone, Senior Administrative Officer, WCC
Mr Frank Murtagh,
Murtagh and Partners Economic Development Consultants
Mr John Hannigan,
Managing Director, Sunbeam House Services Ltd
Fr Peter McVerry, Founder and Director of PMV Trust
Mr John Lonergan Former Governor Mountjoy Prison Campus

12.40pm: Closing Comments
Cllr Sarah Wray, Leas Cathaoirleach, Bray Town Council

12.50pm: Tea / Coffee

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