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# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

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*Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disability*

**The National Federation of Voluntary Bodies will host a two-day Conference entitled**

## **“Accountable Autonomy”**

**on Wednesday & Thursday, 30th & 31st May, 2018  
in the Mullingar Park Hotel.**

### Day 1 of Accountable Autonomy Conference: Plenary Presentations

1. *Outlining the background to and objectives of the Accountability Autonomy Conference*, Brendan Broderick, CEO, Muiriosa Foundation;
2. *Widening the frame of accountability: the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability – our new Testament*, Senator John Dolan, member of Seanad Éireann and CEO Disability Federation of Ireland;
3. *Commissioning to maximize social value and respect autonomy*, Ivan Cooper, Director of Advocacy, The Wheel;
4. *Managerialism’s Market Values: challenges to mutual care and solidarity in the voluntary sector*, Professor Kathleen Lynch, Professor of Equality Studies, School of Education, University College Dublin;
5. *What’s the future of human system design, and what we can learn from it*, Tara Wilson. (Tara’s background is in business and organisational psychology. She has recently transitioned from the role of training and development director of a large agri-food business to promoting purpose-led organisational design and governance.);
6. *Rethinking governance in disability: the false choice between autonomy and accountability*, Professor Charles Sabel, Professor of Law & Social Sciences, Columbia Law School, Columbia University, New York. (Professor Sabel’s publications include work in the areas of experimentalist governance, contracting for innovation, regulatory policy, the interaction of formal and informal contracting, and beyond principal-agent governance.);

7. *Sustaining the focus on core purpose – “turn it the right way up and it will work”*, John Burton, independent consultant, UK. (John has worked in social care since 1965 as a practitioner at all levels. He is the author of *leading good care, the task, heart and art of managing social care* published by Jessica Kingsley 2015.)

**Thursday 31st May 2018, Day 2 of Accountable Autonomy Conference:**  
**Plenary Presentations**

8. *From ‘comply or explain’ to ‘integrated planning’*, Pat McLoughlin, CEO of Alzheimer’s Association of Ireland (formerly CEO, Eastern Health Board; Deputy CEO of HSE; Chief Executive of the Irish Payment Services Organisation; Chairperson, Genio);
9. *We can’t have it every which way – aligning and reconciling strategic commissioning, agency independence and compliance*, Mo Flynn, Group CEO, Rehab Group;
10. *Why independent governance matters – and what this entails*, Dr Ruth Barrington (Board member of Voluntary Health Insurance; formerly CEO of Molecular Medicine Ireland; formerly CEO, Health Research Board);
11. *Finding a balance between autonomy and accountability in the governance of organisations in the Irish Social Care sector*, Joe Wolfe (Joe is Director of the Wolfe Group, an independent consultancy specialising in quality improvement, regulatory compliance and organisational development);
12. *Helpful inspection – developing an approach to regulation that is more locally accountable, grounded in the inspection of social care in action, and supporting the focus on core purpose*, John Burton;
13. *From principles to practice: preliminary thoughts on doing things differently*, Professor Charles Sabel.

The roster of plenary presentations will be complemented by:

- a) Plenary panel discussions featuring keynote presenters. Dr Rory O’Donnell, Director, National Economic & Social Council, and Peter Cassells, Chair of the Edward M. Kennedy Centre for Conflict Intervention at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth and formerly General

Secretary of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions will facilitate and synthesise the themes emerging from the keynote presentations, plenary and sub-plenary discussions;

- b) A series of parallel, sub-plenary sessions. A menu of questions and themes to be explored in sub-plenary sessions will issue shortly. Participants will be invited to indicate their preferences as to which sessions they would like to join. Allocation of places will be on a first come, first served basis.

Click on the link to book your place online

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