



Invitation to EU Parliamentary Hustings
Monday 27th April 2009
2pm – 4pm
European Commission Offices, 18 Dawson Street, Dublin 2

Chaired by:

Renowned newscaster, Eileen Dunne

Panel:

Caroline Simons, Libertas
Mary Lou McDonald, Sinn Finn
Marian Harkin, Independent
Deirdre de Burca, Green Party
Proinsias De Rossa, Labour
A representative from Fianna Fáil

The End Child Poverty Coalition is a partnership of seven national non-governmental organisations that have come together to achieve a common goal: to end child poverty in Ireland. The seven partners are: Barnardos, Children's Rights Alliance, Focus Ireland, National Youth Council of Ireland, OPEN - One Parent Exchange and Network, Pavee Point and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Coalition is organising an EU Parliamentary 'Hustings' on Child Poverty where each of the political parties fielding a candidate for the forthcoming EU elections will be asked the question:

“Why are you and your party best placed to tackle child poverty at national and European Level?”

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the issue of tackling child poverty among politicians, policy makers and the public at large in the run up to the European elections and to promote solutions to end child poverty and it promises to be an interesting and interactive afternoon. The afternoon's proceedings will be chaired by Eileen Dunne.

If you would like to attend this event please **RSVP** to Caroline Fahey, Society of St. Vincent de Paul: caroline.fahey@svp.ie. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.