

Reducing Inequalities: Getting Results Seminar

Date: Wednesday 18 January 2017, 9.30am-1.00pm

Venue: The Great Hall, Queen's University Belfast

Cities are experiencing increasing levels of inequalities contributed to by the economic crises faced by many countries in the WHO Europe Region. Challenges such as increasing levels of non-communicable disease are key catalysts for major discussions at regional and local levels on ways to redesign and reconfigure approaches to improving health and well-being. Inequalities are entrenched in many societies, made visible as differences in education, working conditions, opportunities for employment, income levels and as instances of early death. This seminar provides examples of promising and successful approaches to tackling inequalities. Speakers will demonstrate innovative approaches to resolving complex problems, highlight specific developments and discuss the results of collaborative cross-sectoral working.

Lessons learned locally and internationally can inform the future of Belfast, building on the existing infrastructure and culture to support an active, vibrant city for people of all ages. Working together is not always easy but brings benefits for many sectors and contributes to sustainability both locally and nationally. Political commitment to developing policy and delivering on health inequalities at both the national and the local levels is essential if effective action is to be taken.

Agenda

- 9.30am** **Registration**
- 10.00am** **Welcome**
Joan Devlin, Chief Executive, Belfast Healthy Cities
- 10.05am** **Opening Address**
Cllr Tim Attwood, Deputy Chair Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, Belfast City Council
- 10.15am** **Positioning Health Equity and the Social Determinants of Health on the Regional Development Agenda - Investment for Health and Development in Slovenia**
Mojca Gobec, Public Health Director General, Ministry of Health, Slovenia
- 10.55am** **Questions**
- 11.10am** Tea/coffee

- 11.30am** **Delivering Social Change in Northern Ireland**
Mark Browne, Director of Strategic Policy, Equality and Good Relations, The Executive Office
- 11.50am** **Questions**
- 12.00pm** **Healthy Ireland: Supporting People and Communities to Protect and Improve their Health and Wellbeing**
Malachy Corcoran, Assistant Principal Officer, Health and Wellbeing Programme, Department of Health, Republic of Ireland
- 12.20pm** **Tackling Inequalities in Greater Manchester: A Unique Public Health Agreement**
Paul Etches, Area Manager, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
- 12.40pm** **Questions and close**
- 1.00pm** **Lunch**