

Cherishing All Equally 2020:

inequality and the care economy

14th October 2020

10:30-12:30 Dublin time, 11:30-13:30 Brussels time



This online event marks the launch of the FEPS-TASC report "Cherishing All Equally - Inequality and the Care Economy" which analyses how care workers are faced with multiple inequalities offering an EU-wide comparison whilst taking a closer look to the Irish case. The distribution of care plays a central role in the formation of inequality between women and men. The structure of care provision or the distribution of caring responsibilities is perhaps the largest single factor in the continuation of gender inequalities. As Europe emerges from the COVID-19 crisis, a long-overdue conversation needs to be had about the value we place on care work, which is disproportionately shouldered by women. The report will be published the same day of the event.

Programme

Overall event moderator: **Mary Daly**, Professor of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Oxford, Ireland

10:30 / 11:30

Welcome

László Andor, Secretary General, FEPS, Hungary

10:35 / 11:35

Opening

Orla O'Connor, Director, National Women's Council of Ireland, Ireland

10:50 / 11:50

Report Presentation:

Inequality & Care Economy from an Irish Perspective

Robert Sweeney, Researcher on Inequality, FEPS-TASC, Ireland

11:05 / 12:05

"How Ireland values care" - Discussion with respondents followed by Q&A

Jennifer Carroll MacNeil, TD, Fine Gael, Ireland

Robert Sweeney, Researcher on Inequality, FEPS-TASC, Ireland

Jennifer Whitmore, TD, Social Democrats, Ireland

11:35 / 12:35

Break

11:40 / 12:40

Report Presentation:

Inequality & Care Economy from an EU perspective

Laetitia Thissen, Gender Equality Policy Advisor, FEPS, Belgium

11:55 / 12:55

"Does Europe care for care?" - Discussion with respondents

Mari Huupponen, Public health scientist and Trade Unionist, Kommunal (Swedish Municipal Workers' Union), Sweden

Ester Lynch, Secretary General, European Trade Union Confederation, Ireland

Lesia Radelicki, Cabinet Member of Commissioner Helena Dalli, European Commission, Belgium

12:25 / 13:25

Concluding Remarks

Shana Cohen, Director, TASC, Ireland

Renate Tenbusch, Director, FES Brussels Office, Germany

12:40 / 13:40

Closing