NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCIL FOR RACIAL EQUALITY
2nd HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY CONFERENCE
"BREXIT & GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT"

DATE: Friday, 20th April 2018
Time: 9:30 – 16:30
Venue: UNISON (Galway House, 165 York Street, Belfast BT15 1AL)

PROGRAMME

0915 – 0945   **Registration**

0945 – 1000   **Introduction**
Patrick Yu
Chair of the Conference
Secretary of the Northern Ireland Council for Racial Equality

1000 – 1030   **Keynote address**
BREXIT – THE NEGOTIATION SO FAR - and potential implications for national anti-discrimination law
Professor Dagmar Schiek
Professor of Law, Jean Monnet ad personam Chair in EU Law and Policy
Queen's University of Belfast

1030 – 1100   **Q & A**

1100 – 1115   **Coffee/Tea/Comfort break**

Session 1: Devolution, Human Rights and Good Friday Agreement
1115 – 1135   **"Human Rights protection in post Brexit: the case for a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland"**
Mr. Les Allamby
Chief Commissioner, the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

1135 – 1205   **"The Great Repeal Bill – a quick assessment"**
Professor Rory O'Connell
Professor of Human Rights & Constitutional Law
Director of Transitional Justice Institute
Ulster University

1205 – 1235   **Q & A**

1235 – 1340   **Lunch**

Session 2: Brexit, Citizens' and Workers' Rights

1340 – 1400   **"The future of Workers' Right and Equality Law"**
Ms. Patricia McKeown (to be confirmed)
Regional Secretary, UNISON &
Co-Convenor, Equality Coalition

1400 – 1420   **"Post-Brexit Citizens' Rights – a quick assessment**
Professor Bernard Ryan (to be confirmed)
Professor of Migration Law
University of Leicester

1420 – 1450   **Q & A**

1450 – 1510   **Comfort Break**

Session 3: Brexit, Border and Judicial Review

1510 – 1530   **"Border – Economy, Security and Relationships – a quick assessment"**
Dr. Anthony Soares
Deputy Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies
Queen's University of Belfast

1530 – 1550   **"Brexit and Judicial Review"**
Professor Catherine Donnelly
School of Law
Trinity College Dublin
Barrister, Blackstone Chambers

1550 – 1620   **Q & A**

1620 – 1630   **Closing**