



**CLAIMING OUR FUTURE IDEAS – ‘REDUCING INCOME INEQUALITY’  
A NATIONAL DISCUSSION**

**In:** NUI, GALWAY

**On:** 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011,

**Registration:** 10.00 am.

Claiming our Future identified eight policy themes in the RDS in October 2010. One of these was to *‘Achieve greater income equality and reduce poverty through wage, tax and income policies that support maximum and minimum income thresholds’*.

This national discussion aims to:

1. Share information and perspectives on low income and poverty, on high incomes and inequality, and on what a more equal, poverty free Ireland would look like.
2. Encourage and support debate and action across the country to build support for income equality and a more equal and poverty free Ireland.
3. Identify initiatives that could progress these issues

**Agenda**

**11.00 am: Session Opening**

- This session will welcome participants, introduce and set the context to the event, and provide input on the reality & consequences of income inequality.

**11.15 am: Table Debate 1: The Politics of Income Equality**

- This discussion will explore what income equality might be and what is stopping us from being more equal and poverty free.

**12.30 pm: Table Debate 2: Tackling High Incomes and Inequality.**

- This discussion will explore the key issues around high incomes and what a maximum income threshold would involve.

**13.30 pm – Lunch**

**14.30 pm: Re-opening Session**

- This session will give initial feedback from the morning discussions.



**14.45 pm: Table Debate 3: Tackling Low Incomes and Poverty**

- This discussion will explore the key income issues for people in low pay and poverty and what a minimum income threshold would involve.

**16.00 pm: Table Debate 4: How to progress these issues?**

- This discussion will explore levers for change at national level and actions that could be taken at local level.

**17.00 pm: Closing Session**

- This session will give initial feedback from the afternoon discussions and identify next steps.

**17.30pm: Close**