



CLAIMING OUR FUTURE

Ground Rules

Claiming our Future is offering people from a broad range of civil society organisations the opportunity to discuss and agree a better way forward and to identify new inspiring steps that can be taken to start to build an equal, sustainable and thriving Ireland. To make the day a success it is very important that all 1000 people participating have an equal opportunity to contribute to the outcomes of the day. To achieve this, the following ground rules have been proposed by the organisers.

- Everyone has a responsibility to ensure that all participants at their table are comfortable and have an opportunity to give their views and perspectives on the topics under discussion.
- Anyone who wants to participate in a discussion just by listening is entitled to do so.
- Everyone's views have an equal value and all participants will respect other participants and listen carefully to other people's views even if they disagree with them.
- Everyone must be open to having their views and proposals challenged and to discuss them with other members of the table.
- No one or two persons may dominate or take over the discussion and try and impose their views. The facilitator and other participants at a table are entitled to ask someone to be more restrained if they are dominating the discussion or trying to impose their views.
- All participants will stay focused on the topic under discussion in order to ensure that at the end of each session there are clear outcomes.
- Participants will try to arrive at a consensus on the issues under discussion and on the preferences emerging from their group. Where there are clear differences everyone will work with the table facilitator to ensure that it is clear what the majority view is.
- Given the time constraints of the day facilitators are entitled to conclude discussions on a topic when they consider this is necessary.
- Everyone at the table is responsible for trying to ensure that the event is FUN for everyone else and that everyone leaves feeling that they have been heard and have had an opportunity to make a contribution.