

## HEA Advisory Group on Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Irish Higher Education Institutions

In April 2019, the Department of Education and Skills published [Safe, Respectful, Supportive and Positive – Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Irish Higher Education Institutions](#), more commonly referred to as the Framework for Consent or ESVH Framework in Irish Higher Education Institutions. The primary focus of this framework is to address issues of sexual violence and harassment on Irish higher education campuses. In August 2020, the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris TD, expanded the remit of the HEA's Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality to cover Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and to include oversight of the implementation of the ESVH Framework.

An Advisory Group was established to advise the HEA on policy relating to addressing sexual violence and harassment in Irish higher education institutions (HEIs), including but not limited to, the implementation of the ESVH Framework. Current membership of the Advisory Group is as follows:

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| Dr Anna Bull        | <i>Lecturer, University of York; Member of the 1752 Group</i>   |
| Dr Emer Cahill      | <i>Programme Manager, Research Ireland</i>  |
| Mary Crilly         | <i>Co-Founder and CEO of the Sexual Violence Centre Cork</i>  |
| Prof Louise Crowley | <i>Bystander Intervention Programme, University College Cork</i>  |
| Gearóid Hodgins     | <i>Director of Corporate Affairs, Technological Universities Association (TUA)</i>  |
| Niamh Kavanagh      | <i>Sexual Violence and Harassment (SVH) Prevention and Response Manager, University of Galway; HEA ESVH Practitioner Network representative</i> |
| Dr Marie Keenan     | <i>Associate Professor, University College Dublin</i>   |
| Kathleen Maher      | <i>Sexual Violence and Harassment Prevention and Response Manager, Mary Immaculate College</i>  |
| Sinéad Mahon        | <i>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead, Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</i>                     |
| Gemma MacNally      | <i>Student Counsellor, University of Galway; Psychological Counsellors in Higher Education in Ireland</i>                                       |
| Dr Pádraig MacNeela | <i>Active* Consent Programme, University of Galway</i>  |
| Tony McMahon        | <i>Associate Director HR and EDI, Irish Universities Association</i>  |
| Emma Monahan        | <i>Vice-President for Welfare, Aontas na Mac Léinn in Éirinn (AMLÉ)</i>   |
| Tom Reilly          | <i>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Manager, Atlantic Technological University</i>   |
| Dr Sinéad Ring      | <i>Assistant Professor, Maynooth University</i>   |
| Donna von Allemann  | <i>Legal Director, Rape Crisis Ireland</i>  |

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| Ivanna Youtchak                   | <i>Violence against Women Coordinator, National Women's Council of Ireland</i>  |
| Dr Jennie Rothwell<br>(Chair)     | <i>Senior Manager, Centre of Excellence for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Higher Education Authority</i>           |
| Julie Anne Young<br>(Secretariat) | <i>Senior Executive Officer, Centre of Excellence for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Higher Education Authority</i> |