



## Marking 20 years in the fight against poverty: book launch & EAPN Ireland anniversary

*The European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland cordially invites you to the launch of:*  
***Ireland and the European Social Inclusion Strategy: Lessons Learned and the Road Ahead***

*By Pat Carey TD, Minister for Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs*

**Thursday 1st of July, between 5.00 - 6.00pm**  
**Wynns Hotel, 35 - 39 Lower Abbey Street, D1.**

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2010 – the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion - is an important milestone for the European Anti Poverty Network Ireland and for the fight against poverty and social exclusion. To mark the 20th anniversary of the European Anti Poverty Network Ireland, EAPN Ireland is pleased to formally launch 'Ireland and the European Social Inclusion Strategy: Lessons Learned and the Road Ahead'. The book looks back at the development and impact of the European Social Inclusion Strategy, and looks forward to a European Union where poverty and social exclusion is no longer a feature of daily life. The book captures the perspectives of a myriad of actors who have, in the past, or are currently contributing to the development of social inclusion policy in Ireland. Authors include prominent individuals from the national and European stage ranging from political figures to academics, and NGO representatives to activists. The authors were asked to assess Ireland's engagement with the European Social Agenda and more specifically the Social Inclusion Strategy and the impact this has had on poverty and social exclusion in Ireland. Drawing on the lessons from the last ten years the book presents a way forward as to how a European Union, with social inclusion as a core and guiding objective, can make a greater impact on poverty and social exclusion in the EU and Ireland in the future.

