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Tionól ELEN 2018 Baile Átha Cliath
Óstáil ag Conradh na Gaeilge

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ELEN General Assembly Dublin 2018

Hosted by Conradh na Gaeilge, celebrating 125 years.

City Assembly Rooms, Dublin.

Official Delegates (provisional)

Ferran Suay, ELEN President (Acció Cultural del País Valencià) Valencia.
Davyth Hicks, ELEN Secretary-General (ELEN/ Eurolang), Belgium.
Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin (Conradh na Gaeilge), Ireland.
Pádraig (Conradh na Gaeilge), Ireland.
Paul Bilbao-Sarria (Kontseilua), Basque Country.
Tangi Louarn, (Kevre Breizh), Brittany.
Gweltas Ar Fur (Kevre Breizh) Brittany.
Marga Payola (Plataforma per la Llengua), Catalonia
Conchúr Ó Giollagáin (Soillse, Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean), Scotland.
Krisztina Sándor (Erdélyi Magyar Nemzeti Tanács), Transylvania.
Marcos Maceira (A Mesa pola Normalización Lingüística), Galicia.
Elsa Quintas (A Mesa pola Normalización Lingüística), Galicia.
Dòmhnall MacNèill (Comunn na Gàidhlig), Scotland.
Nicolas Caracota (Council of Armans)
Kira Mantsu (Council of Armans), Romania.
Elena Lenz (Council of Armans), Romania.
Maria Arenys (CIEMEN), Catalonia.
Peire Brechet (IEO) Occitania.
Carmen Perez (Omnium) Catalonia.
Roser Sebastia (Omnium) Catalonia.
Pat Parkins (Kowethas An Yeth Kernewek) Cornwall.

New members

Elin Haf Gruffydd-Jones, University of Aberystwyth/ Mercator Media, Wales.

Invited Speakers

Mr Sixto Molina, Head of Secretariat, European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
Council of Europe, Strasbourg.
Ms Jill Evans MEP (Plaid Cymru).

Ms Martina Anderson MEP (Sinn Féin).

Mr Daniel Holder, Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ).

Observers

Liza Walther, ERIU, University of Leipzig (Sorbian).

Jennifer Renate Selm

Melissa Kunze

Aneta Mlčková

Leonie Sophia Wilms

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2nd

19.00 ELEN OFFICIAL RECEPTION

Location: City Assembly Rooms, 58 South William Street, Dublin.

Speakers: Ferran Suay, ELEN President. Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin, Conradh na Gaeilge.

Drinks reception

20.00 DINNER

Location: tbc

SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

ELEN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

Hosted by Conradh na Gaeilge

Working languages: English/ Irish

Location: **City Assembly Rooms, 58 South William Street, Dublin**

9:15 – 17.55

9.15 Official opening and welcome

Davyth Hicks, ELEN Secretary-General.

Ferran Suay, ACPV, ELEN President.

Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin, Conradh na Gaeilge, ELEN Vice-President.

9.30 Presentations

Brexit, the Good Friday Agreement and the Irish Language Act, Ms Martina Anderson MEP.

Language Equality in the Digital Age Report, next steps for implementation, Ms Jill Evans MEP.

20th anniversary of the ECRML, new developments with the Charter.

Mr Sixto Molina, ECRML Head of Secretariat, Council of Europe.

10.45 PANEL. Language Planning and Legislation in era of Austerity

Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin, Conradh na Gaeilge

Conchúr Ó Giollagáin, Soillse, Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean

Dómhnall Mac Néill, Comunn na Gàidhlig

Elin Haf Gruffydd-Jones, University of Aberystwyth/ Mercator Media

11.15 COFFEE

11.30 Catalonia: language, democracy, and civil rights. Carmen Perez, Roser Sebastia, Omnium Cultural.

12.00 The Digital Language Diversity Project, the Digital Language Survival Kit and implementing the DLDP Roadmap. Davyth Hicks, ELEN.

12.20 New developments in the Basque Country, Paul Bilbao-Sarria, Kontseilua.

12.40 GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

12.50 LUNCH.

Provided in the City Assembly Rooms

14.00 ELEN BUSINESS

14.20 ELEN Steering Committee June meeting in Transylvania, Ferran Suay, Krisztina Sandor

- Minutes, decisions.

14.30 ELEN activities at the EU/ international level, Davyth Hicks.

- Success of the Language Equality in Digital Age report, EP conference.
- ELEN CALRE proposals and CALRE Valencia Document.
- Conferences with CoR.
- Meetings with Catalan Government.
- Catalan prisoners and exiles.
- ELEN Projects update.
- Eurokorrika, new network for sponsored runs launched in Brittany.

- UN Forum (Europe) for Minorities on Educational and Linguistic Rights, Brussels, May 2019. ELEN's role.

15.00 Hungarian education issues in Romania. Krisztina Sandor, EMNT.

15.15 Report on the Galician situation. Marcos Maceira, Elsa Quintas. A Mesa.

15.35 Bletsas case, Sotiris Bletsas, Greek EBLUL.

15.50 European elections and ELEN member organisations. Resolution proposal. Tangi Louarn, Krisztina Sandor.

16.05 Arman language, Nicolas Caracota, Council of Armans.

16.20 Irish Language in Local Government in the North of Ireland, Daniel Holder, Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ).

16.40 Presentations from new members.

- Elin Haf Gruffydd-Jones, Univ. of Aberystwyth/ Mercator Media, Wales.
- Liza Walther, ERIU, University of Leipzig (Sorbian).

16.55 ELEN RESOLUTIONS

- ELEN Resolution in support of Catalan political prisoners and exiles.
- ELEN Resolution for Irish Language Act.
- ELEN Resolution for European elections 2019.

17.20 Next Steering Committee meeting and General Assembly 2019.

- Nominations for hosts.
- Decide on venue and dates.

17.30 Any Other Business

- **Andrew Whitson** and publications in minority languages.

17.45 SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

17.55 CLOSURE OF THE 2018 ELEN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19.30 DINNER

21.00 Club an Chonartha - ceol traidisiúnta (Traditional Music)

SUNDAY 4th November

Historic Tour of Dublin

Additional Transport Information:

The 757 bus is the best way of getting from airport to Hilton Hotel on Charelmont Rd, more info here:

<https://www.dublinbus.ie/Your-Journey1/Timetables/All-Timetables/747111/>

When going from Hilton Hotel to City Assembly Rooms, you can take the Luas (Rapid transport system) to St Stephens Green stop and then walk to South William Street (5 min walk).

Below is a map of terminus 757 in the city and where it is in comparison to the Hilton Hotel:

[https://www.dublinbus.ie/Examples/Google-](https://www.dublinbus.ie/Examples/Google-Map/?routeNumber=757&direction=IO&towards=Dublin+Airport&from=Camden+Street+(Charlotte+Way))

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