**The Human Right to Health**

Under the President of Ireland’s Ethics Initiative the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at NUI Galway will host a one day meeting on Friday 6 February 2015 at the Aras Moyola Theatre, NUI Galway.

**Programme**

**09.00 – 09.45 Registration.** Delegates should be seated by 09.45

**10.00 – 10.30 Opening Remarks and President of Ireland’s Address.**

**10.30 Health and Human Rights.**

Chair: Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway.

Keynote Address 1:  Professor Sofia Gruskin, University of Southern California.

11.15 COFFEE

11.45 Panel 1:

             Les Allamby, Chief Commissioner, Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.

Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner, Irish Equality and Human Rights Commission.

             Cliona Loughnane, Policy and Research Manager, Irish Heart Foundation.

             Jane Ann McKenna, Director, Médecins Sans Frontières Ireland.

12.45 Discussion.

13.15 LUNCH

**14.15 What are the ethical implications of adopting a rights based approach to health?**

Chair: Dr Diarmuid O'Donovan, School of Medicine, NUI Galway.

Keynote Address 2:  Professor George Ulrich, Rector, Riga Graduate School of Law.

15.00 Panel 2:

Dr Shaun O'Keeffe, Chair of the Clinical Research Ethics Committee, University Hospital Galway.

 Dr Sara Burke, Health Policy Analyst, Trinity College Dublin.

 Professor Peter Bartlett, Professor of Mental Health Law, University of Nottingham.

15.45 Discussion.

**16.15 Bringing it all home:  closing session.**

Chair: Roisin Boyd, Independent Journalist and Researcher.

16.45 Conclusion.