



**Global Civil Society
Forum on Protecting
Civilians from
Explosive Weapons
Dublin,**



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The Richmond
Education and Event Centre
1 North Brunswick Street
Smithfield, Dublin

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The Irish Association
of Non-Governmental
Development Organisations



Agenda

11.00 - 12.00

Registration and coffee

Foyer

'Bombed out school': An installation by INEW and Save the Children

Education Room

For Sama: A screening of this award-winning documentary film

Education Room

12.00 - 13.00

Lunch

Victorian Tea Room

13.00 - 13.15

Welcome and opening remarks

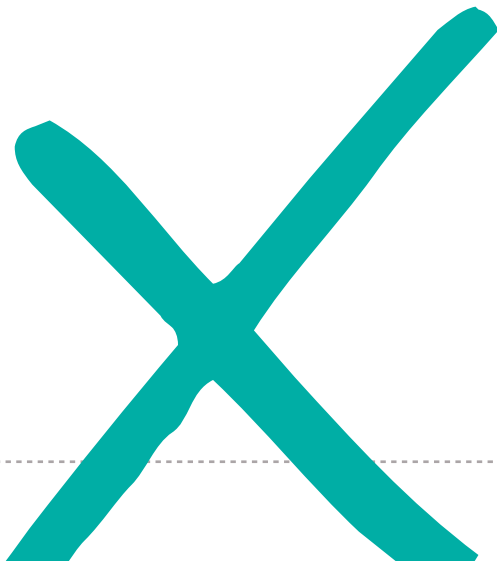
Banqueting Room

[Jane-Ann McKenna](#), CEO, Dóchas

[Cesar Jaramillo](#), Executive Director, Project Ploughshares
and INEW Steering Committee member

[Michael Gaffey](#), Director-General of Irish Aid, Department of Foreign Affairs, and
former Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN, Geneva

[Jamie Walsh](#), Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN, Geneva



13.15 - 14.10

Panel discussion

Addressing the harms caused by explosive weapon use

When explosive weapons are used in cities, towns and other populated areas, it is civilians that suffer the most. This panel will discuss the impacts of explosive weapon use, including the direct impacts on civilians and the reverberating effects, based on the experiences of people living and working in countries that have been affected. Panellists will also look at the commitments to victim assistance, humanitarian assistance, and data collection contained in the political declaration, and discuss how these commitments can be implemented to address gaps in civilian protection.

Moderator:

[Réiseal Ní Chéilleachair](#), Head of International Advocacy, Concern Worldwide

Panelists:

[Myriam](#), Roving Community Liaison Manager, Mines Advisory Group

[Alma Taslidžan Al-Osta](#), Disarmament and Protection of Civilians Advocacy Manager, Humanity & Inclusion

[Eirini Giorgou](#), Legal Advisor, Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

[Nada Tarbush](#), Counsellor, Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

[Hamza al-Kateab](#), Doctor, Human Rights Activist, Action For Sama Lead

Q&A with the audience will follow.

14.10 - 14.40

Coffee break

Victorian Tea Room

Screening of 'Investigating a massacre:

The Afrin hospital attack' by Airwars

Education Room

14.40 – 15.30:

Panel discussion

Working together to effectively implement the political declaration

The agreement and adoption of the political declaration marks a key milestone, but there is much more that needs to be done to strengthen the protection of civilians. This panel will discuss what the priorities are after the formal adoption of the political declaration, and the work that is needed over the coming years, including changes to military policy and practice, and the collaboration between different actors and agencies, as well as investing in tools for action to guide effective implementation.

Moderator:

[Laura Boillot](#), Programme Manager, Article 36, and Coordinator of the International Network on Explosive Weapons

Panelists:

[Sahr Muhammedally](#), Director for MENA and South Asia, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)

[Orlaith Minogue](#), Chair of the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA)

[Aurelien Buffler](#), Chief of Policy Section, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

[Thomas Hajnoczi](#), Former Director for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and former Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN, Geneva

Q&A with the audience will follow.

15.45

Closing words

[Jane-Ann McKenna](#), CEO, Dóchas

[Richard Moyes](#), Managing Director, Article 36

16:00

Group photo, end and depart



List of Speakers



Hamza al-Kateab

Doctor, Human Rights Activist, Action For Sama Lead

Dr Hamza al-Kateab is a Syrian doctor, human rights activist and public health advocate. Hamza was featured in the BAFTA-winning and OSCAR-nominated documentary For Sama which was filmed, narrated and directed by his wife, Waad al-Kateab. From 2012 to December 2016, Hamza delivered frontline medical care to thousands of people shortly: as manager of Al-Quds Hospital, he was one of the last remaining doctors in Eastern Aleppo. In December 2016, Hamza and his family fled Aleppo, moving to the UK in 2018. Hamza now dedicates his time to continued advocacy efforts around ending the targeting of hospitals in Syria. He is the Co-Founder of Action For Sama alongside Waad - an impact campaign created to turn the incredible worldwide reaction to For Sama into action for Syria.



Laura Boillot

Programme Manager, Article 36, and Coordinator for the International Network on Explosive Weapons

Laura Boillot is Programme Manager for Article 36 and Coordinator for the International Network on Explosive Weapons, as well as leading a project on universalisation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Laura previously worked as a Campaign Manager and subsequently as the Director of the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC), as well as a Program Officer on the Control Arms campaign and for the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA).



Aurelien Buffler

Chief of Policy Section, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Aurelien Buffler is the Chief of the Policy, Advice and Planning Section at the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in New York. Mr Buffler brings with him extensive OCHA headquarters' and field experience.



Amb. Michael Gaffey

Director-General of Irish Aid, and former Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Ambassador Michale Gaffey is the incoming Director-General of Irish Aid. Since 2017 he has been the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations in Geneva. Prior to his appointment to Geneva, Mr. Gaffey had been



working at Irish Aid since 2008, first as Deputy Director General of the Development Cooperation Division and then as Director. From 2002 to 2008, he worked at the Political Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin. He served at the Irish Embassy in Tokyo from 2000 to 2002; at the Irish Embassy in London from 1997 to 2000; at the Irish Embassy in Cairo from 1993 to 1997; and at the Irish Embassy in Baghdad, and then Amman, from 1990 to 1992.



Eirini Giorgou

Legal Advisor, Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit, ICRC

Dr Eirini Giorgou is a legal adviser on weapons law at the International Committee of the Red Cross, with several years' experience in multilateral disarmament diplomacy and arms control. Eirini is a licensed lawyer and holds a PhD in international law from the University of Geneva.



Thomas Hajnoczi

Former Director for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and former Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN, Geneva

Thomas Hajnoczi is a retired Austrian career diplomat who served as Director for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation and as Security Policy Director in the Foreign Ministry. He led the Austrian Permanent Mission to the UN (including the Conference on Disarmament) in Geneva and, previously, to the Council of Europe, and has spearheaded Austria's work on EWIPA including around the Vienna Conference in 2019. He has also been Ambassador to Norway and Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN in New York. Through his career he developed a particular interest in human security, and has led the Austrian delegations to the negotiations resulting in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as well as those that brought about the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, of which he was the President in 2017.



Cesar Jaramillo

Executive Director of Project Ploughshares

Cesar's work has focused on disarmament issues spanning conventional weapons control, nuclear disarmament and outer space security. As an international civil society representative, frequent guest speaker and occasional columnist on matters of disarmament and international security, Cesar graduated from the University of Waterloo with an MA in global governance and has bachelor's degrees in honours political science and in journalism. Prior to joining Project Ploughshares, Cesar held a fellowship at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).



Jane-Ann McKenna

CEO of Dóchas

Jane-Ann McKenna is the Chief Executive Officer of Dóchas, the Irish network for international development and humanitarian organisations. She has significant experience in humanitarian and emergency response, having led Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) teams in conflict and crisis affected areas including Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Central African Republic. She served as the Director of MSF Ireland from 2011-2016, where she led the strategic growth and scale up of MSF's Irish office, focusing on fundraising, communications and advocacy. More recently, she led the development of MSF's global strategy for 2020-2023.



Orlaith Minogue

Chair of the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack, and Senior Conflict and Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser at Save the Children

Orlaith Minogue is Chair of the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack, a coalition of organisations in the fields of education in emergencies, protection, human rights, and international humanitarian law working together to raise awareness of the problem of attacks on education and undertaking collective advocacy for stronger protection for students, teachers and educational institutions in conflict-affected countries. Orlaith is also Senior Conflict and Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser at Save the Children UK, advocating for children caught up in crises worldwide.



Richard Moyes

Managing Director, Article 36

Richard Moyes is Managing Director at Article 36 where he focuses on the development of issue, policy and strategy framings that can generate political movement and to promote change through effective ways of working. He played a key role in these areas in the development of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and of the Safe Schools Declaration, and initially developed and promoted the framing of 'explosive weapons in populated areas' as a humanitarian issue formulation. Richard was previously Director of Policy at Landmine Action, and Co-Chair of the Cluster Munition Coalition. Prior to that he established and managed explosive ordnance disposal projects for the UK NGO Mines Advisory Group. He is an Honorary Fellow at the University of Exeter.



Sahr Muhammedally

Director for MENA & South Asia, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)

Sahr Muhammedally is a Director for MENA & South Asia at the Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC). She manages trainings, research, and advocacy on civilian protection and engages governments and armed actors on civilian harm mitigation policies and practices during all phases of operations. Sahr writes and presents on civilian protection, urban war, and designs scenario based training materials on civilian harm mitigation. Sahr has worked for over 15 years in the area of armed conflict, human rights, and counterterrorism and undertaken field work in Afghanistan, China, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Pakistan, Syria, and Yemen. Prior to joining CIVIC, Sahr was with Human Rights Watch, Human Rights First, and practiced law in New York.



Réiseal Ní Chéilleachair

Head of International Advocacy, Concern Worldwide

As Head of International Advocacy Réiseal guides Concern's advocacy work across country programmes and at capital level, focussing on conflict, hunger and climate change policy and practice. With a background in community development and child protection, she has worked on humanitarian and development programming for 25 years - 16 years abroad in management and advisory roles. In Ireland, she has worked with Caritas Internationalis/Trocaire as Humanitarian Policy Adviser, supporting Caritas members on advocacy and policy in humanitarian contexts. She is currently a Board Member at the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA).



Myriam

Roving Community Liaison officer, Mines Advisory Group

Myriam has worked in the humanitarian sector for eight years, including in education, livelihoods, shelter, WASH, and mine action. Her first entry into mine action was in 2017 with MAG (Mines Advisory Group), where she worked as a Community Liaison Manager in Iraq, overseeing Explosive Ordnance Risk Education and Non-technical Survey projects that aimed to reduce the threats of explosive ordnance on people's lives and livelihoods. Since then, she has worked closely with communities affected by armed conflict and unexploded ordnance, in regions where battles had recently ended and others that were still affected despite the wars ending years or decades ago. As a child and adult, Myriam has also lived through bombing raids, violent street battles, and the impacts of explosive weapons used in populated areas.



Nada Tarbush

Counselor, Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva

Nada Tarbush is Counselor at the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva. During her work in multilateral diplomacy in Geneva and previously in New York, she has covered a range of disciplines including disarmament, human rights and humanitarian affairs, Strengthening Respect for IHL, UN administrative and budgetary matters, and intellectual property. Prior to her work in diplomacy, she acquired experience at the World Bank, UNDP, UNDESA and UN Women. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford, Masters degrees in International Affairs from Sciences Po Paris and Columbia University, and an Executive Master in International Law and Armed Conflict from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.



Alma Taslidžan Al-Osta

Disarmament and Protection of Civilians Advocacy Manager, Humanity & Inclusion

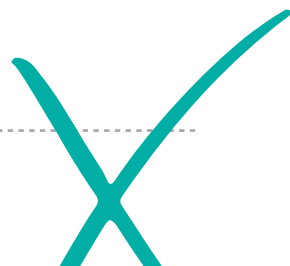
Alma Taslidžan Al-Osta started her career in humanitarian disarmament in 2007, working as a Regional Advocacy and Communication manager for Handicap International (now Humanity and Inclusion) for South East Europe, covering Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia on projects related to mine action and disability. Ms. Taslidžan Al-Osta holds a university degree in Journalism and Public relations from the Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina and candidacy for Master of Communication at the same University. She sits on the Governance Board of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munitions Coalition, Steering Committee of the International Network on Explosive Weapons and she is a member of the Monitoring and Research Committee of the Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor.

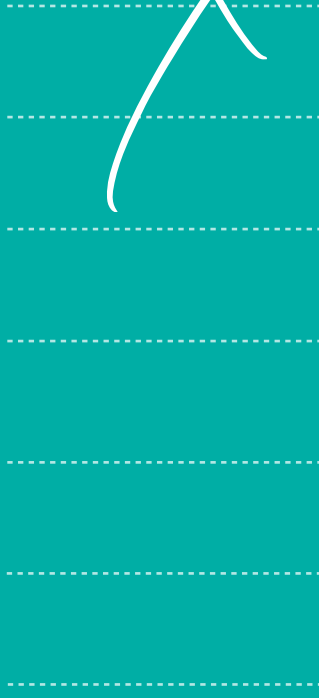


Jamie Walsh

Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN, Geneva

Jamie Walsh is the Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN in Geneva. Together with Ambassador Michael Gaffey, he has been centrally involved in Ireland's leadership of the consultations to develop the International Political Declaration.





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