

## Press Release

Office of Irish Youth Media Development  
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Irish Youth Media Development's inaugural conference "Youth Media Democracy" takes place in Dublin, April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be hosting speakers from around the world for what looks to be the largest Conference of its kind ever to be held in Ireland.

The event will be opened by Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources TD Eamon Ryan, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Dublin Institute of Technology's Aungier Street campus, hosted by IYMD in association with the School of Media.

World expert in Youth and Media, Prof. David Buckingham, Director, Centre for the Study of Children, Youth and Media - University of London, will deliver a keynote address called 'Making sense of the Digital Generation'.. Fullbright scholar and Executive Director of the George Lucas Foundation for Education in California, Dr. Milton Chen will look at media as an alternative way to educate youth on the margin. Firdoze Bulbulia, of Children's broadcasting Foundation for Africa and 5<sup>th</sup> World Summit will outline the future of pan-African youth television and lead discussion on how the media of the 'developed world' treats images of African youth.

In addition to this, 60 youths from various organizations in the north and south of Ireland will converge to workshop and create media projects during the two day event. Youth from Dáil na nÓg, Fairsay project, will participate equally in all panel discussions. Modelled on last years World Summit, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, this event will prove itself a defining moment, placing Ireland in the international limelight for youth and media as we take the world stage to discuss Youth, Media and Democracy and assert our global contribution.

Other contributing organizations include: Léargas, Office of the Minister for Children, the Digital Hub, RTE, BBC, University of Ulster, Irish Aid, and many more.

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