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## **DUBLIN HOSTS THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN POLICE CONFERENCE THIS MARCH**

FORMER Garda Commissioner Noirín O'Sullivan will be among the guest speakers as Dublin hosts the 2022 International Association Of Women Police Conference next month.

Dublin Castle will be the venue for the massive training event, with O'Sullivan joining a host of keynote speakers, including the Commissioner of the London Met Police, Cressida Dick, Commissioner Drew Harris and Deputy Commissioner Shawna Coxon, over the three-day event (March 8-10).

As we know, Dublin Castle is a place of great historical significance to policing in Ireland. It is where An Garda Síochána, then known as The Civic Guard, was founded in 1922 and is now home to several units such as the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau, the Garda National Roads Policing Bureau as well as the Garda Museum and Memorial Garden.

The conference, which opens on International Women's Day, will focus on enhancing knowledge and skills, with an aim to provide a forum that facilitates open discussion about the challenges and best practices for women in policing.

The AWP was founded in 1915 to 'strengthen, unite, and raise the capacity of women in policing internationally'. It now has members in over 60 countries and supports the unique role women play in law enforcement, providing training, mentoring and networking for members and highlights issues affecting women in law enforcement throughout the world.

For further information, see <https://iawpdublin22.com/>

Also, check out this link as some of our frontline women members reflect on their experiences within the force:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/about-us/our-departments/office-of-corporate-communications/news-media/news-archive/international-women-s-day-8-march.html>