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Extremist Anti-Trans Event Draws Outcry in Ireland as Organisers Attempt Secret Venue Switch

Meath / Dublin, Ireland — April 5, 2025 — A far-right extremist event organised by the Natural Women's Council has sparked national backlash after its original venue, The Johnstown Estate, canceled the booking amid concerns about the anti-trans and far-right views promoted by its speakers. However, new reports suggest the organisers are now attempting to quietly relocate the event to the Talbot Hotel in Stillorgan under a different name, presumably with the same speaker lineup and agenda.

Marketed under the misleading title "Safeguarding Children's Education," the event features a lineup of trans-exclusionary speakers including Stephanie Davies-Arai (founder of Transgender Trend), Eddie Hobbs (former Renua leader), and members of The Countess. Sessions on the agenda include inflammatory and conspiratorial topics such as "Marxist Brainwashing" and critiques of climate and sustainability policies—raising red flags for both LGBTQ+ advocates and environmental groups.

While The Johnstown Estate responded to public pressure and canceled the booking, users on the social platform BlueSky are now reporting that the event has been moved to The Talbot Hotel in Stillorgan. According to these reports, the organisers are attempting to proceed with the event under a new title while maintaining the same divisive content. Concerned members of the public are urging the Talbot Hotel to investigate and cancel the event.

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Adding to the controversy, ticketing provider TicketTailor, which is a certified B Corp, has refused to take down the event listing despite being alerted to the agenda's inclusion of anti-environmental rhetoric alongside anti-trans messaging. This decision has drawn criticism from B Corp supporters and LGBTQ+ advocates alike, who argue that the platform is violating its own ethical commitments.

This marks at least the third attempt by the Natural Women's Council and its founder, Jana Lunden, to host a far-right event in Ireland. Previous events were canceled in Ballinasloe and Meath after venues learned more about the organizers' affiliations and the extremist nature of the programming.

Note to Editors: Screenshots of the event listing, BlueSky reports, and speaker profiles are available upon request but are easily searched