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CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Issues in Safeguarding Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Children (BASPCAN)

5 April 2010, University of Central Lancashire, Preston

Brochure, speaker list and booking form <http://www.baspcan.org.uk/events.php>

If you would like to attend please [fill out the booking form](#) and return to the National Office via email to conferences@baspcan.org.uk, by fax to +441904 642239 or to the postal address below. You can also contact the National Office for speaker updates and further information.

Getting Ready for Registration - HSCPC and Social Work Registration

Thursday 22nd 2010, 4.30pm, Brookfield 2.24, University College Cork. Ginny Hanrahan, CEO of the HSCPC.
Contact Ruth Murray for further details r.murray@ucc.ie.

“Reclaiming Social Work” - IASW Annual Conference and A.G.M.

Friday, 23 April 2010, 10:00am - 6:00pm

Location: The Ashling Hotel, Pargate Street, Dublin 8
Contact: office@iasw.ie / ph. 01 6774838 / <http://www.iasw.ie>

Meeting Youth Needs in the 21st Century: Youth Work, Young People and Youth Policy (Announcement and Call for Papers)

The School of Applied Social Science in UCC will host an international conference on Wednesday 12th May 2010.

The aim of the conference is to bring researchers, youth workers, volunteers, young people, youth organisations, youth policy makers, students and others interested in the needs of young people together to exchange ideas, debate policy and offer viewpoints on a range of interlinked issues:

- Issues in current practice in working with young people
 - New models and future challenges for youth work
 - Youth policy in the 21st century
- The role of youth organisations and associations in Irish society
 - Issues facing young people today

FREE conference
registration offer for readers
of *Practice Links*.

We hope that the conference will be a fruitful meeting ground for a variety of perspectives on youth work, young people and youth policy - and will contribute meaningfully to vital debates on these issues.

Submissions for paper presentations are welcome until Friday, the 16th of April 2010 to youthconference@ucc.ie.

WE WELCOME PAPERS FROM RESEARCHERS, PRACTITIONERS, POLICY MAKERS AND STUDENTS.

Please go to <http://www.ucc.ie/en/appsoc/resconf/YouthPolicy/bodytext.95675.en.html> for the call for papers, a conference programme and detailed information.

We are keen to encourage strong practitioner participation and therefore attendance, including lunch, will be free to readers of *Practice Links*. Early registration would be appreciated, for catering and accommodation purposes. Please register by sending your name and contact details to: youthconference@ucc.ie

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CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Speaking Up for Children: The Media and LSCBs. On the Same Side?

MONDAY 10TH MAY, 2010, BVSC, BIRMINGHAM, 138 Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DR

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE :

- Liz Davies (Senior Lecturer, London Met University)
 - Mike Jempson (Director, The MediaWise Trust)
 - Prof. Nigel Parton (NSPCC Professor, University of Huddersfield)
 - Sue Woolmore (LSCB Advisor, NSPCC)
- David Spicer (Barrister & Vice Chair-BASPCAN)

To book a place please complete the [booking form](#), and for further information visit the [BASPCAN website](#) for updates or contact the National Office: conferences@baspcan.org.uk.

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www.baspcan.org.uk

Decisions, Assessment, Risk and Evidence in Social Work

Mon 28 & Tue 29 June 2010, Templeton Hotel, Templepatrick, Northern Ireland

(convenient to Belfast International Airport)

Decision making is of crucial importance to the social work profession. Lives and liberty depend on decisions undertaken in crises and high risk situations. We support clients in risk-taking decision making. Professional judgments have to be based explicitly on evidence and sound reasoning, utilising robust assessment tools and collaborative (and sometimes contested) decision making processes.

This conference is designed to bring together researchers, educators, policy makers and senior practitioners to share current developments and to promote collaborative research, development and teaching initiatives to improve professional knowledge and skills for the ultimate benefit of clients and families. Further details are being added incrementally to our website <http://www.socsci.ulster.ac.uk/spri/dare/> or contact Mrs Sharon Lucas sa.lucas@ulster.ac.uk telephone (+44) (0) 28 9036 6554.

6th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health

University College Dublin, June / July 2010. The call for abstracts is now open and closes on 30th September, 2009.

The link to the website is www.changinghealthdublin2010.com

3rd International Conference on Adoption Research

11th - 15th July 2010, Leiden.

<http://www.socialsciences.leiden.edu/educationandchildstudies/childandfamilystudies/research/adoption/icar3-conference-2010>

‘The Child’ and ‘Childhood’ in Theory and Policy: A Transdisciplinary Conference (Call for Papers)

15th September 2010, Weetwood Hall, University of Leeds.

Abstract deadline: 14th May 2010.

We welcome researchers working in the humanities, social and medical sciences to submit abstracts for papers or poster-presentations for this event.

<http://www.sociology.leeds.ac.uk/research/events/the-child-and-childhood-in-theory-and-policy.php>

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

IYWC Training Schedule 2010

Recording & Report Writing Skills in Youth Work Settings

Thursday 11th March 2010

[Download Brochure...](#)

Preventing and Responding to Challenging Behaviour in Young People in Youth Work Settings

Wednesday 14th April 2010

Wednesday 1st September 2010

[Download April Brochure...](#)

[Download September Brochure...](#)

Planning for Effective Youth Work

Thursday 20th May 2010

[Download Brochure...](#)

Staff Supervision in Youth Work Settings

Thursday 2nd September 2010

[Download Brochure...](#)

Strategic Planning in Youth Work

Thursday 23rd September 2010

Brochure to follow...

Effective Evaluation in Youth Work

Thursday 11th November 2010

[Download Brochure...](#)

For further information on these one-day events please contact

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http://www.barnardos.ie/training_and_resources.html

Barnardos Training and Resources Services 2010

Síolta Awareness Workshops are free of charge. They are especially suitable for practitioners participating in the Universal Preschool Year Scheme and who are beginning their required engagement with the Síolta process.

[Síolta Workshops : 7.00pm – 9.30pm](#)

[Síolta Awareness Workshop Part I & II: 6.30pm – 8.30pm](#)

[Although there is no charge for Síolta Awareness Workshops](#)

[It is necessary to reserve your place in advance - booking form is attached](#)

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| 14 April | Síolta Awareness Workshop, Co Westmeath |
| 22 April | Síolta Awareness Workshop Part I in liaison with SDCCC - Lucan, Co Dublin |
| 5 May | Síolta Awareness Workshop – Finglas, Dublin 11 |
| 29 May | Síolta Awareness Workshop – Balbriggan Library , Balbriggan, Co Dublin |
| 15 June | Síolta Awareness Workshop Part II in liaison with SDCCC, Lucan, Co Dublin |
| 23 June | Síolta Awareness Workshop, Dublin 12 |
| 6 Oct | Síolta Awareness Workshop, Co Westmeath |
| 20 Oct | Síolta Awareness Workshop, Inchicore, Dublin 12 |
| 24 Nov | Síolta Awareness Workshop, Dublin 11 |

Continuing Professional Development - Evening Events

Evening events €45.00 - One Day Seminar €50.00

Evening events: 7.00 – 9.30pm - One Day Seminar: 11.00am – 3.00pm

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| 20 April | Children and Bullying, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 |
| 16 June | Key Person Systems, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 |
| 16 Sept | Supporting Children Affected by Domestic Abuse, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 |
| 23 Sept | Seminar: Involving Parents (11.00am – 3.00pm) Kilmainham, Dublin 8 |
| 12 Oct | Policies and Procedures , Dublin 22 |
| 10 Nov | Supporting Children's Positive Behaviour, Lucan, Co Dublin |
| 1 Dec | Emotionally Healthy Children, Tallaght, Dublin 24 |

Further details and booking forms available from Barnardos Training & Resource Service, Christchurch Square, Dublin 8 Tel 01 4530355 Ext 413 email: training@barnardos.ie

[Contact us for discount details for bookings of 3 events or more!](#)

RURAL SOCIAL WORK: International perspectives

Richard Pugh and Brian Cheers

"Rural social work practice is rising up the education, training and research agenda; this text provides its champions and novices with stimulating and evidence-based ideas and information."

Jill Manthorpe, Professor of Social Work, King's College London.

February 2010 / £17.99 with 25% website discount (RRP £23.99) /

BASW/Policy Press titles

<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781861347206>

RELIGION, BELIEF AND SOCIAL WORK: Making a difference

Sheila Furness and Philip Gilligan

This book examines how religion and related beliefs have varied impacts on the needs and perceptions of practitioners, service users, and the support networks available to them.

November 2009 / £12.74 with 25% website discount (RRP £16.99)

<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781861349811>

RADICAL SOCIAL WORK IN PRACTICE: Making a difference

Iain Ferguson and Rona Woodward

This much-needed textbook provides a fresh understanding of the radical tradition and shows how it can be developed in contemporary social work.

May 2009 / £12.74 with 25% website discount (RRP £16.99)

<http://www.policypress.co.uk/display.asp?K=9781861349910>

T.F. A Serious Case Review - Full Text Document

Despite many reservation being expressed regarding the manner in which this document came into the public domain and the depth of personal information in the report, it is included here as the report has been in the public domain now for over a month:

<http://www.fine Gael.org/news/a/2468/article/>

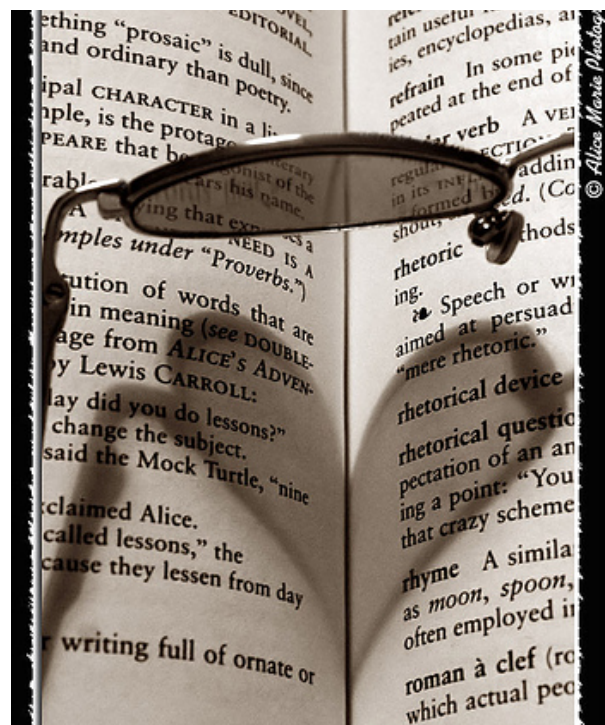
Highways, Crossroads and Cul-de-sacs: Journeys into Irish Youth & Community Work.

Paul Burgess/Peter Herrmann (eds.).

Bremen: Europaeische Hochschulschriften, 2010

(ISBN 978-3-941482-62-3 [hardcover]; Euro 69.90).

Further information can be found on the website of the book series Studies In Comparative Social Pedagogies and International Social Work and Social Policy (www.socialcomparison.org). The book can be ordered via bookshops, Amazon and directly from the publisher (Europäischer Hochschulverlag GmbH & Co KG, Fahrenheitsstr. 1, 28359 Bremen, Germany - order@eh-verlag).



Recently Published Books/Publications

A Practical Guide to Caring for Children and Teenagers with Attachment Difficulties.

Chris Taylor.

February 2010, 224 pages, paperback.

ISBN: 9781849050814.

Find out more and buy this book: <http://www.jkp.com/new/9781849050814>

This book guides childcare professionals through attachment theory and provides techniques for caring for children with attachment difficulties. It explains what attachment is, what different patterns of attachment look like in children and young people, how early attachment experiences affect their lives, and how this understanding can help childcare workers to develop therapeutic ways of caring. By understanding these issues, childcare workers are better equipped to help and support the troubled children they care for. This book shows how to promote recovery through secure base experiences in a therapeutic environment and provides solutions and methods to tackle challenging and problem behaviour, anger and the effects of trauma in children with attachment problems.

This essential book will be invaluable to professionals such as residential carers, social workers and foster carers who work in a therapeutic environment with vulnerable and troubled children and young people.

A Practical Guide to Outcome Evaluation.

Liz Hoggarth and Hilary Comfort.

March 2010, 224 pages, paperback.

ISBN: 9781849050371.

Find out more and buy this book: <http://www.jkp.com/new/9781849050371>

For those involved in commissioning and running projects working with people, measuring performance and assessing outcomes are an essential part of applying for and maintaining funding, and a way of demonstrating the project's achievements. This versatile 'how to' book guides you through the process of evaluating your project in order to improve funding applications and build the case for your project's survival. The guidance in this book will help you to set out what the aims and projected outcomes of your project are, how these will be achieved, and shows you how to capture evidence for outcomes. To cater for readers working in different settings, a broad range of case examples is used including youth groups with at-risk young people, a refuge for women who have suffered domestic violence, a road safety education programme and midwives encouraging new mothers to stop smoking. The book also includes a host of practical features designed to provide a deeper understanding of the subject, including activities, reflective tools, and a glossary of key terms.

A Practical Guide to Outcome Evaluation will help to ensure the success of projects that make a difference to people's lives, and will be an essential reference for managers and practitioners working in people-orientated professions including social work, health, teaching, youth work, criminal justice, the arts and the emergency services.

Irish Social Policy. A Critical Introduction

Mairead Considine and Fiona Dukelow

ISBN: 978 07171 41562.

This new book offers undergraduate students a core text for the study of Irish social policy, combining an introduction to the discipline with analysis directly based on the Irish context. See website for contents and buying information:

<http://www.gillmacmillan.ie/Ecom/Library3.nsf/0/AF56B8D842A883C180257507004A2516?OpenDocument>

Palliative Care For Children With Life-Limiting Conditions In Ireland- A National Policy

Published 2010. Department of Health and Children. See website for full text:

http://www.dohc.ie/publications/pallative_care_for_children_with_life_limiting_conditions.html

Review of the Recommendations of Protecting Our Future: Report of the Working Group on Elder Abuse

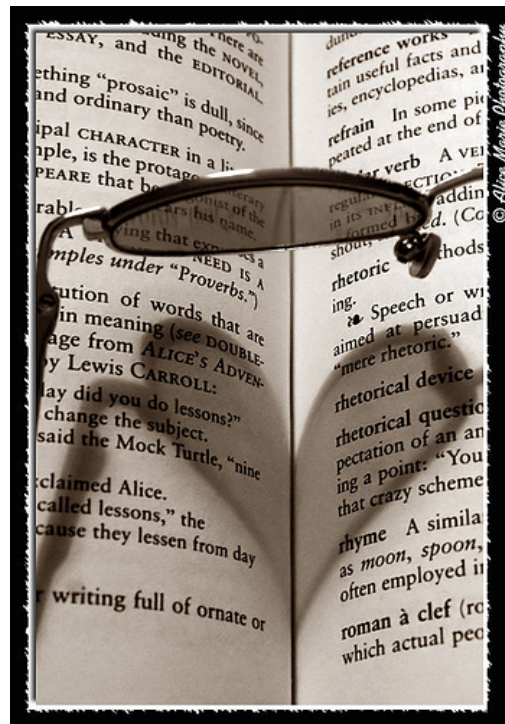
Published 2010. Department of Health and Children. See website for full text:

http://www.dohc.ie/publications/protecting_our_future_review2010.html

Elder Abuse Review Action Plan

Published 2010. Department of Health and Children. See website for full text:

http://www.dohc.ie/publications/protecting_our_future_review2010.html



Child Care in Practice



Writers' Workshops 2010

School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work,
Queen's University Belfast

Session 1: Thursday 13th May, 10.00 – 12.30

These workshops are designed to guide new authors in the development of their articles to a publishable standard. The cost of the first session is £25 and a free follow-up session is available to those participants who would like more specific guidance.

This workshop will appeal to all those who have undertaken or are supervising substantial pieces of research or practice that with a bit of effort and appropriate guidance, may be suitable for publication in *Child Care in Practice*. It will be particularly relevant to those who have recently achieved post qualifying awards or higher degrees. The workshop will be designed to support professionals from across all disciplines endeavouring to take the first steps towards the publication of their work.

The workshop is to be delivered by Dr Brian Taylor, School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies, University of Ulster and Dr Stan Houston, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast.

The aim of the workshop is to offer clear guidance on how to get your work into publication and is a collaboration between *Child Care in Practice*, Queen's University Belfast and the University of Ulster.

Early booking is advised.

To secure your place please contact Cait on 02890975912 or
e-mail childcareinpractice@qub.ac.uk

Recently Published Books/Publications

WEB LINKS AND ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

Social Work Focus

Social Work Focus is brought to you by Avenue Consulting Ltd. and Avenue Media Solutions. Developed by a talented team led by Neil Thompson, Social Work Focus offers the basis for an exciting and important online community to help promote the highest standards of practice, to maximise learning for all and to provide a degree of support for students, practitioners, managers, policymakers and educators. Please make the best use of the facilities available and do make a contribution where you can. The greater the contribution from members, the greater the benefits for everybody. <http://www.socialworkfocus.com/>

Positive Behaviour Ireland - Research Website

Positive Behaviour Ireland is currently developing a research sub website, which is live right now. This is going to contain qualitative and quantitative research that we find, are sent and undertake ourselves. We'll include studies of ABA, ADHD, autism, parenting, child protection, family support services, education, tuition, alternative care, training and development and disabilities. You can find this site at <http://research.pbireland.ie>. If you have research that you think might be of interest to us, simply e-mail research@pbireland.ie. Positive Behaviour Ireland (PBI) is a not-for-profit professional organisation which aims to reduce challenging behaviour in children and young people and to promote their social, emotional and educational competence.

RECENT SUPERVISION SURVEY BY IASW SOUTHERN REGION

MANY THANKS to all IASW members and other practitioners who took the time to participate in our recent survey. Over 150 individuals completed the questionnaire and all of the data received is being currently analysed. It is hoped to publish a detailed report in an upcoming IASW newsletter. In the meantime here are some of the basic findings:

Respondents	Number	%
HSE Employed	107	68.6
Community & Voluntary	41	26.3
Other	8	5.1
Total	156	

How often does it take place ?	Number	%
Weekly	2	1.28
Bimonthly	11	7.05
Monthly	90	57.69
Sporadic	40	25.64
Never !	9	5.77

Notably every single one of the participants added a comment in the final section about what they would like to see in terms of improving supervision practice. The content makes for very interesting reading and we hope to be able to publish this findings by the end of end of Summer in the *The Irish Social Worker*. Steven Peet and Orla Jennings, IASW Southern Branch

Postgraduate training for social workers

The Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Fieldwork Practice and Supervision (Social Work) (2009-2010) in the School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork

The Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Fieldwork Practice and Supervision (Social Work) is the only nationally accredited, post qualifying course in social work. It has been running in the School of Applied Social Studies, UCC since 2001. It is a Level 9 academic programme, part-time and run on Fridays over the period from mid September to the end of May. Participants attend a formal lecture programme at the university two Fridays every month. Peer support and library study take place on alternative Fridays.

The aim of this programme is to prepare relatively new and experienced professionally qualified social workers for the task of practice teaching and supervision of social work students. This course offers a balance of theoretical inputs, experiential learning, self directed and library study. It involves on the job supervision of a professional social work student (MSW/BSW) while on placement, over a 14 week period (January-April).

The course team is committed to developing and supporting the philosophy and practice of reflective learning throughout the course. Providing participants with opportunities to reflect on their own practice and to reassess their own learning in the light of new knowledge and experience is an important focus throughout the course. In this regard, all participants are required to have supervised at least one social work student prior to entry onto the course

While on the course, participants are tutored and supervised. Group work is the main method of teaching and learning on the course and lecturers and tutors encourage participants to bring their practice experiences into the classroom thereby enriching the whole learning experience for all participants.

Evaluations of the course with course participants and graduates have informed us that the course has had a value and merit way beyond practice teaching and student supervision. Many of our past graduates have gone on to further study and others have been promoted within their agencies to team leader, senior practitioner and other senior positions.

As the reality of social work registration comes down the track, we believe this course will be an important one in terms of providing social workers with opportunities to pursue further professional studies. This course has an academic weighting of 60 credits.

Applications are invited from interested parties. Closing date for receipt of applications is 16th April 2010.

For more information and application forms please contact: Mary Ring at +353-21-4903546 or email mary.ring@ucc.ie

About Practice Links

Practice Links is a free e-publication for practitioners working in Irish social services, voluntary and non-governmental sectors. *Practice Links* was created to help practitioners in these areas to keep up-to-date with new publications, electronic publications, conferences and continuing professional development opportunities. *Practice Links* is published every other month in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf file).

Distribution is by email and on the *Practice Links* website <http://www.ucc.ie/en/appsoc/aboutus/activities/pl/>.

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