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Next edition: December 2010.

Kenneth

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The Irish Hospice Foundation Certificate In Children And Loss

(October 2010 – April 2011)

This training course is run by the Irish Hospice Foundation and is certified by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). The course is approved for 12 CPD credits for members of the P.S.I. and has Category 1 approval by An Bord Altranais. The course will be of interest to anyone involved with children and young people experiencing loss. Training will include presentations on young children, adolescents and an introduction to art and clay work with children.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from:-

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Website: www.hospice-foundation.ie <http://www.hospice-foundation.ie/>

IASW / NIASW Adult Mental Health Social Work Conference

'Adult Protection and Capacity'. Current practice and future development

Iontas Centre, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan, Thursday 14th October 2010, 09.30 – 17.00

This conference qualifies for Continuous Professional Development Points

Enquiries to Sharon - Email : shortts368@aol.com.

Social Work and Fight Against Poverty and Social Exclusion - Professional Dedication to the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights

Department of social work of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,Mostar and The "Maria De Mattias" Foundation are organizing International Scientific Conference "Social Work and Fight against Poverty and Social Exclusion - Professional Dedication to the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights". Conference will take place in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, from 20th to 23rd October 2010. You can find more information on Conference web page:
http://www.socialwork-humanrights.com/

SOCIAL WORKERS IN DISABILITY - Special Interest Group of the Irish Association of Social Workers. Conference and AGM. Value for Money – At What Cost?'

Venue: Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October, 2010

Conference commences @ 2pm on Thursday.

Cost €75 for members, €85 for non members. Cost includes full cost for attendance at Conference, refreshments, lunch and Conference Dinner. This Conference will be accredited for CPD points

Please submit late motions to SWID Secretary before October 15th 2010
Please complete attached application form and forward to Anne O' Loughlin, SWID Secretary, C/O Social Work Dept.,National Rehabilitation Hospital, Rochestown Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin by Friday 15th October 2010

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Institute for Social Sciences in the 21st Century (ISS21) and Irish Social Sciences Platform

Children and Youth Research Cluster Seminar Series (UCC)

Karl Kitching, (School of Education, UCC)

The Mobility of Racism in Irish Schooling: New Migrant Students and Contexts of Inclusion and Exclusion

Monday October 18th 2010
ORB 212, 1.00 – 2.00pm. ALL WELCOME

TACKLING CROSS-BORDER CRIME: HARMONISING EUROPEAN STANDARDS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

The Silken Hotel - Brussels, Tuesday 26th October 2010

KEY SPEAKER:

Prof. Dr. Holger Matt, Chairman, European Criminal Bar Association

<http://events.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/AJ26-PPE2>

As a cornerstone of judicial cooperation in Europe, mutual recognition of judicial decisions, judgements, pre-trial orders and approximation of legislation should be put at the forefront of the European agenda. In this regard, the question of minimum standards in criminal proceedings is pivotal for the success of tackling cross-border crime in Europe.

This timely International Symposium provides an important platform to explore the minimum or common standards in these areas that will contribute to better cross-border collaboration between police, judicial authorities and other key agencies.

The Centre for Parliamentary Studies welcomes the participation of all key partners, responsible authorities and stakeholders. The Symposium will support the exchange of ideas and encourage delegates to engage in thought-provoking topical debate.

The SCIE 'systems' model for case reviews and SCRs: findings from the North West pilots. One day conference

Tuesday 16th November 2010. Midland Hotel, Manchester

We are delighted to announce that Professor Eileen Munro, lead of the Munro Review will be giving the keynote address at this one day conference. Among the issues that the Government has asked the Munro Review to consider is whether SCRs can be strengthened, including whether there are alternative models that could be more effective and efficient.

The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has been leading innovation in this field, through the development of the new 'systems' approach. This one day conference will introduce the SCIE model and present findings from the recent pilots of its use in the North West. Delegates will also have the opportunity for small group discussions on the realities of putting the model into practice.

To view a copy of the programme please click here

Fee: £87.00. To register for a place please click here to download the booking form.

Please complete and return by email to sca@socialcaring.co.uk, or by post to SCA (EDUCATION), 350 WEST BARNES LANE, MOTSPUR PARK, NEW MALDEN, SURREY KT3 6NB.

"CRITICAL POSITIONS ON AND BEYOND RECOVERY" . THE DR MICHAEL CORRY MEMORIAL CONFERENCE INCLUDES THE LAUNCH OF THE 'IRISH FORUM/MOVEMENT FOR CRITICAL VOICES IN MENTAL HEALTH'

A Two-Day Conference* organised by theCatherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery and the School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork

Date: 10 and 11 November 2010 Time: Registration: 9.00 – 10.00 Programme: 10.00 – 17.00 (each day) Venue: Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland.

This free two-day conference is dedicated to the life and work of consultant psychiatrist, Dr Michael Corry. Michael was a key note speaker at last year's conference. Sadly, he died earlier this year after a short illness. Michael was a fearless campaigner for the rights of mental health service users and all those experiencing psychological distress. He was an opponent of bio-psychiatry and its reliance on psycho-pharmacology, an implacable campaigner for the abolition of ECT as a so-called 'therapy' and a compassionate healer appreciated by thousands of patients.

The conference aims to provide a forum for people from diverse backgrounds to present, discuss and debate critical perspectives on and beyond recovery. The conference will also provide a space for interested parties to meet and debate, with a view to establish an Irish forum/movement for critical voices in mental health. This forum/movement is intended to be a coalition of service users, carers, professionals, academics and interested others who want a mental health system which is not based on the traditional bio-medical model.

Programme Details: Keynote Speakers (in alphabetical order): • Pat Bracken (consultant psychiatrist, and a well known critic of the traditional bio- medical model), Ivor Browne (retired psychiatrist and Professor Emeritus, University College, Dublin), Grainne Humphrys (mental health campaigner), John McCarthy and Donna English (founder of Mad Pride Ireland/artist), Aine Tubridy (psychotherapist and partner of the late Dr Michael Corry will present the opening keynote address), Erica van den Akker and Suzanne Engelen (Dutch psychiatric social worker and Hearing Voices Movement member/behavioural scientist and voice hearer).

Confirmed Workshop Presenters to date (in alphabetical order):

- Anne Buckley, Joan Hamilton, Agnes Higgins, Harry Gijbels, Richard Lakeman, Liam MacGabhann and Paddy McGowan, Mary Maddock, Shane Maher, Darach Murphy, Kevin O'Shanahan, Noel Palmer, Jackie Proctor, Doug Ross, Lydia Sapouna, Erica van den Akker and Suzanne Engelen, Greg White

Registration details:
Registration by emailing h.gijbels@ucc.ie Please make sure you give your name, and indicate the day(s) you wish to attend (either Wednesday 10 November, Thursday 11 November, or both days).

Please check http://www.ucc.ie/en/nursingmidwifery/NewsEvents/ towards the end of October for further programme details.
Please check http://www.ucc.ie/academic/govern/publin/Hotels.html for accommodation. Please note that coffees and lunches are not included. There are restaurants and cafes in and around the conference venue.

* The organisers wish to thank *Mad Pride Ireland* and the *Irish Institute of Mental Health Nursing* for sponsoring this conference.

'Here's the Harm' Conference - Open Door Network

19th November in Tralee
Email: opendoornetwork@eircom.net for more information.

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Inaugural European Conference of Social Work Research

The inaugural European Conference of Social Work Research will take place at St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford, England, on 23-25 March 2011. The first of a major annual series, the conference will bring together social work researchers and research users from across Europe to present and exchange research ideas, findings, developments and applications. The aims of the conference series are to:

1. Promote the development of high levels of innovatory and interdisciplinary social work research across the European community of nations.
2. Develop a range of ways in which social work research may have beneficial consequences for social work practice, service users, service delivery and development.
3. Enhance research capacity within the European social work community.
4. Promote the application of research methods and approaches by those from a wide range of disciplines within and beyond the social sciences, in forms that are relevant for social work research and practice. http://www.ecswr.org/

Call for Papers: Early Childhood in Developing World Contexts: International Conference

7th – 8th April 2011
University College Cork, Ireland

A two-day international conference on global childhoods will be held at University College Cork on the 7th and 8th April, 2011. The overall aim of the conference is to deepen understanding of children's lives in developing country contexts, drawing attention to early childhood development in the majority world and the importance of including local traditions, culture and knowledge in professional practice. Current discourses on early childhood in a global context will be examined and debated. In particular, the conference will explore the localised contexts of childhood and challenge the euro-centric perspective which current research and practice largely offers. Researchers, policy makers and practitioners will come together to build on their experiences and knowledge and to contribute to current debates on appropriate polices and professional practices in Early Years Care and Education.

Papers and posters are invited, but not limited to, the following areas of interest:

- Challenges of child labour
- Children living with HIV/AIDS
- Gender roles and practices in early years
- Incorporating global childhood into teaching on Early Years and Childhood programmes
- Child migration
- Early years care and education in developing countries
- The role of early years in achieving Millennium Development Goals

Abstracts should be sent to ecdwcic@ucc.ie:, following this order: author(s), affiliation, email address, title of abstract, body of abstract. Papers: 300 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 3rd December 2010. Posters: 100 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 3rd December 2010

For presenters who wish to be considered for subsequent publication a draft paper should be submitted by Friday 28th January 2011. Online conference registration will be open shortly. Please see conference website for further information
http://www.ucc.ie/en/ecdconf/

Organising Committee:
Deirdre Horgan, Shirley Martin, and Jacqui O'Riordan
School of Applied Social Studies, College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences, University College Cork
This Conference is funded by Irish Aid Development Education Unit

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PARENTS PLUS FACILITATOR TRAINING

PP Early Years - Wed to Fri 29th Sept - 1st Oct 2010
PP Childrens - Thurs/ Fri 4th and 5th November 2010
PP Adolescents - Wed /Thurs, 8th and 9th December
Working Things Out - Wed/ Thurs 10th and 11th November 2010
Supervision Workshops - Wed 1st December 2pm-5pm,
Click here for full schedule <http://parentsplus.ie/node/10#training>

New Approaches in Preventing Human Trafficking: Integrating the European Knowledge

The Silken Hotel, Brussels. Tuesday 16th – Wednesday 17th November 2010

KEY SPEAKERS FROM:

European Commission

Council of Europe

OSCE

European Parliament

International Organisation for Migration. http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/international.php

BASPSCAN Conference

BASPCAN Conference. Belfast 9-12 Sept, 2012. Further details to follow.

European Conference for Social Work Research

Inaugural event in Oxford, England, on March 23-25th 2011. Held in association with the NIHR School for Social Care Research, the theme of the occasion is:

'Social Work and Social Care Research: Innovation, Interdisciplinarity and Impact'

Full information about the development of the conference, keynote speakers, submission of abstracts, how to register for the event, an outline programme, and other details can be found by going to the conference website at http://www.ecswr.org/

16 Days of Action against Violence against Women

"16 Days of Action against Violence against Women" Cork Domestic Violence Interagency group is organising an Art exhibition in Camden Palace Hotel from 25 Nov-10th Dec. This will be an exhibition of works created by a group of Cork women who have come through violent relationships. The Camden Palace is a very exciting venue and we invite people to come and view the exhibition during it's time there.

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Generating Practice Knowledge: Promoting relationship based work in child and family settings. Taking forward the work of the late Tony Morrison

Wednesday 13th April 2011

Business School Lecture Theatre, University of Huddersfield

This conference is aimed specifically at practitioners working directly with children and families and seeks to draw upon and develop the ideas and work promoted by Dr Tony Morrison.

Speakers at this important event include Prof Jan Howarth, Prof David Howe, Prof Nigel Parton and Prof Simon Hackett.

Given Tony's commitment to supporting front line practitioners the cost for this conference has been subsidised by the University of Huddersfield, BASPCAN and NOTA at £30 per person. Given the high demand for places please register your interest in attending by 28th January 2011 on the attached form.

You will be notified in February 2011 if you have been allocated a place. Transport links to the University of Huddersfield are good and further details are available at http://www2.hud.ac.uk/about/visiting/maps/index.php

9th International Practice Teaching Conference

'Learning for Practice, Learning in Practice: Exploring how practitioners develop knowledge, competence and wisdom in the human services'

Bournemouth University, 11th - 13th April 2011

Next year the conference will take place from 11-13th April 2011 on the theme of 'Learning for practice, learning in practice: Exploring the ways practitioners develop knowledge,competence and wisdom in the human services'. We are seeking proposals for workshops and papers on the following themes:

- How do human service professionals develop practice wisdom in a complex global environment?
- What happens to creative inter-professional cooperation in the face of competing demands?
- How do we ensure congruence between that field education and classroom teaching and enable students to become practitioners?
- Learning practice, to practice, about practice? What does it all mean?
- How do we help professionals acquire the practice knowledge, skills and values to continue to work and perform well in late modern societies?
- Theorising and researching teaching and learning in practice settings.

The call for papers is available for download at http://www.whitingbirch.net/cgi-bin/scribe?showinfo=ip005.

Questions about the programme should be addressed to Professor Jonathan Parker parkerj@bournemouth.ac.uk, and about booking a place to the Organiser, jm4whitingbirch@aol.co.uk.

PROPOSALS SHOULD BE WITH US BY 30TH NOVEMBER 2010.

Papers from the 8th International Practice Teaching Conference
Judge for yourself the quality of this event. A selection of presentations from the 2010 event is now available for download here:-

http://www.whitingbirch.net/cgi-bin/scribe?showinfo=ip034;from=ig02

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Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc), University College Cork

The Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc) programme run by the School of Applied Social Studies, UCC, is recruiting for students wishing to start in September 2011.

The DSocSc was established in 2005, and is a is a four-year doctoral programme which provides the opportunity for experienced professionals based in public sector agencies, voluntary/community organizations, educational institutions and international non-governmental organisations to work on complex issues that are of direct relevance to their professional practice and organisational contexts. Current students on the programme have a range of different professional backgrounds, including public sector management, social research, education, community work, international development, social work and youth work.

The programme combines taught modules in UCC with distance learning approaches and individual tutorial support/ supervision. Years 1 and 2 involve the completion of eight taught modules on areas such as social research methods, social policy, and theoretical debates in the social sciences (based around eight week-long workshops in UCC), whilst Years 3 and 4 focus on undertaking a piece of research culminating in the production of a 60,000 word research thesis. The DSocSc therefore represents a more structured form of doctoral study, in which students benefit from engagement with an interactive learning community and peer group support.
For more information on the programme, and details on how to apply, please go to the http://www.ucc.ie/en/appsoc/study/doc/dsocsc/, or contact
Dr. Claire Edwards 021 4902313, claire.edwards@ucc.ie or Professor Alastair Christie 021 4903150, a.christie@ucc.ie

Combined Conference of the Irish Association of Social Care Educators (IASCE), the Irish Association of Social Care Workers (IASCW) and Residential Managers Association (RMA).

Call for papers. Theme: “Bringing Back Innovation and Creativity to Social Care”.

Where and When: Athlone, 9th and 10th March 2011.
The organisers invite papers and work-shops in the following areas: social care work/management; skills; training; education; continuing professional development; registration and broadly related areas to the conference theme. Presentations will be of 20 minutes duration. Abstracts of 300 words should be submitted by 26th November 2010 to David.Williams@dit.ie . Submissions after this date cannot be accepted.

The 25th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment

Saturday, January 22 — Friday, January 28, 2011
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
San Diego, California. http://chadwickcenter.com.abacats.com/index.html

NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh

NSWQB National Social Work Qualifications Board
An Bord Cáilíochtaí Náisiúnta d'Obair Shóisialta

The National Social Work Qualifications Board & The School of Political Science and Sociology, NUIG cordially invite you to a National Seminar

Educating Social Workers in Challenging Times

Contributors will include the following:

Barry Andrews, TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (TBC)

Professor Mark Doel,
Research Professor of Social Work in the Centre for Health and Social Care Research, Sheffield Hallam University, UK

Professor Alastair Christie,
Professor, School of Applied Social Studies, UCC

Professor Brid Featherstone,
Professor and Director of MSW, Dept of Political Science and Sociology NUIG

Professor Colette McAuley,
Professor of Social Work, School of Applied Social Science, UCD

Professor Fred Powell,
Professor of Social Policy and Dean of Social Science and Head of School, UCC

Professor Robbie Gilligan,
Professor and Head of School, School of Social Work and Social Policy, TCD

Professor Suzanne Quin,
Associate Professor, School of Applied Social Science, UCD

Dr Carmel Halton,
Director of Practice, Dept Applied Social Studies, UCC

Caroline Cullen,
National Specialist, Policy and Planning, HSE Children and Family Social Services

Mary Doyle,
Director General, Office for the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

Venue:



National University of Ireland, Galway

Date: 3rd of December 2010

Time: 10am to 4.30pm
Registration: 9.30am

RSVP: 11th of October 2010
to gbreslin@nswqb.ie

New National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender–based Violence

The National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender–based Violence, for the five year period 2010–2014, was launched by the Minister for Justice and Law Reform, Mr. Dermot Ahern T.D., earlier this year. The Strategy was produced by Cosc – the National Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender–based Violence, which was established by the Government in June 2007.

Cosc has a 'whole of Government' remit and its principal focus is to coordinate the implementation of the national strategy with the six Government Departments and state agencies which have responsibility for developing actions under the strategy. Just as the strategy was developed in a consultative fashion, including the experience of Government Departments and agencies as well as NGOs, so too will the activities contained in the strategy be implemented in a partnership approach.

The strategy focuses on action to address domestic, sexual and gender-based violence perpetrated against adult men and women, including older people. It recognises that the majority of and the most severe forms of these types of violence is perpetrated by men against women, but it also is significant in that it clearly recognises that men can and often are victims who must also be supported in their recovery. Children also become involved, sometimes as a direct victim, but more often as secondary victims, especially in domestic abuse situations.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Ahern said: "This government is tackling the violence and abuse suffered by women and men of a sexual and non sexual nature both within and outside the domestic scene. These types of crimes often happen behind closed doors where there are no witnesses or, worst still, where the only witness is a child. As a Government, we are saying No to Domestic Violence, No to Sexual Violence and No to all types of gender-based violence".

Domestic and sexual violence are major issues in Ireland. Research shows that 29% of women and 26% of men suffer domestic abuse when severe and minor incidents are combined. 15% of women and 6% of men have experienced severely abusive behaviour from a partner yet only 25% of these have reported to An Garda Síochána. The vast majority of us appear to be aware of the fact that domestic violence happens. Research, commissioned by Cosc, shows that while 70% of the Irish public believe that domestic abuse against women is common, a mere 38% of us would be willing to get involved and help a neighbour subjected to such abuse. The statistics for sexual violence are also worrying, with 42% of women and 28% of men experiencing some form of sexual violence in their lifetime, with only 1% of men and 7.8% of women reporting such incidents to An Garda Síochána. This situation has been consistent over recent years despite a wide range of initiatives to prevent and respond to these crimes.

Three different dimensions of abuse characterise domestic violence: physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Behaviours that commonly occur in situations of domestic violence include various forms of physical violence such as kicking, punching, slapping, smothering or choking, biting, throwing and threatening with an object. It often includes the use and abuse of children, economic abuse and the use of isolation. Controlling and intimidating behaviour are common forms of emotional abuse. Domestic and sexual violence are not identical. Sexual violence often occurs in the domestic context but may also be committed against a stranger.

As research shows there is often a reluctance on the part of victims to disclose the violence, or to make, or to proceed with, a complaint. There are varied and very understandable reasons for this. A victim of an assault or abusive behaviour often wishes to just get on with their life as best they can, and not attract attention to themselves. Indeed as the majority of sexual offences are carried out by a person known to the victim, she or he will have conflicting emotions about the situation or may be concerned about being believed. This too is the case in many domestic violence situations. Isolation is a significant issue which hinders the victim in getting help and recovering from these cruel and degrading crimes.

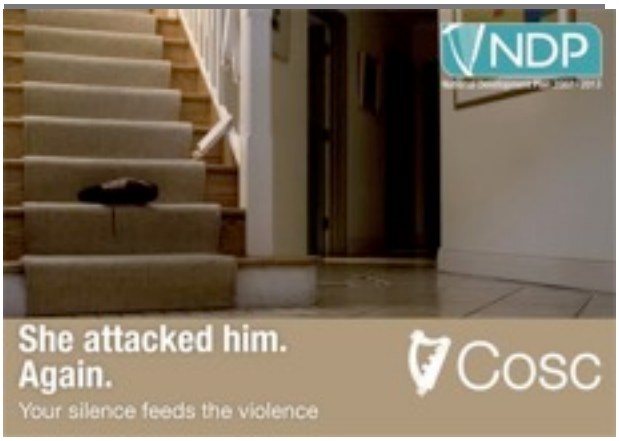
All of us should be open to listening to a disclosure and know how to act. With the help of the various services working in this area, Cosc has developed a website showing how to and where to get help. All types of people are affected by domestic and sexual violence. You never know when you may be called on to help, let's all be ready to do whatever we can. We are not, however, recommending that bystanders or neighbours directly confront perpetrators. The Cosc website www.cosc.ie has useful information on how to provide support to the victim by understanding what steps to take and where to find the support agencies that are experts in this area.

What is Cosc?

Cosc is the National Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence. Cosc is an Irish word and means "to stop" or "to prevent". Following a Government Decision, Cosc was established in June 2007 with the key responsibility to ensure the delivery of a well co-ordinated "whole of Government" response to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. The work of Cosc covers issues relating to domestic and sexual violence against women and men, including older people in the community.

The office is an executive office of the Department of Justice and Law Reform. It is situated within the Department, but has been given a remit to address domestic, sexual and gender-based violence from a cross-government perspective rather than solely from that of the justice sector. Cosc's role covers co-ordination across the justice, health, housing, education, family support and community sectors. This work includes close interaction with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) supported by Government funds.

The current primary function of Cosc is to drive the implementation of the first National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2010-2014



Click here for the full text of the National Strategy:

National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2010-2014

Cosc and other relevant publications:

http://www.cosc.ie/en/COSC/Pages/WP08000130



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The main aim of the national strategy is, on the one hand, to prevent the violence concerned and, on the other, to respond effectively to such violence. The implementation of the strategy aims to reduce the prevalence of these crimes, providing greater protection and support for the victims and survivors of such crimes, and ensuring the accountability of the perpetrators of such violence. The strategy places a high value on evaluation and evidence-based policy planning. This is critical to ensure effective interventions and best public value.

The strategy is very much an action-focussed one. Not only does it outline actions and activities, it sets out clear targets against which progress on implementation will be measured. The strategy aims to promote high quality standards in service delivery for victims and to strengthen intra and inter organisational co-ordination.

There are many State organisations involved in providing services to those affected by domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. The direct services provided by these organisations range from services provided by general practitioners, medical personnel in Accident and Emergency Departments and Sexual Assault Treatment Units (SATUs), counselling and family services within the child welfare and protection and family support sectors, and accommodation provided by local authorities, to legal advice and assistance on civil and criminal matters, criminal investigation, and prosecution and offender management in the justice sector.

The national strategy's vision is that by the end of 2014 there will be a clear societal acknowledgment of the unacceptability of domestic, sexual and gender based violence. There will be greater recognition and a broader understanding of such violence. There will be greater confidence in high-quality and consistent services for victims of the violence. Crucially too there will be increased safety for victims, and potential victims, as well as increased accountability of the perpetrators.

The 23 actions under the national strategy are being implemented by those NGOs, Government Departments and state agencies whose work has a direct impact on victims of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. But we cannot just leave it to them. Domestic and sexual violence is a problem for all of our society and everyone is affected by that violence, directly or indirectly. We must all play our part in building confidence amongst victims, that not only will they be believed if they report the abuse but that we will be understanding of their difficult situation and that we will support them as service providers or neighbours.

At the launch of the national strategy the Minister concluded by stating: 'Today I launch much more than a document – I launch a vision of a society that says it will not tolerate, nor remain silent on, domestic, sexual or gender-based abuse and violence against another person in our neighbourhood and community. The implementation of this strategy provides a clear direction to achieve this vision and this Government is strongly committed to it's implementation".

If someone you know is a victim of domestic or sexual violence, find out how you can help at www.cosc.ie

Vanessa Rogers (2010) ***Let's Talk Relationships. Activities for Exploring Love, Sex, Friendship and Family with Young People***, JKP.

Let's Talk Relationships offers a multitude of creative ways to get young people aged 13–19 talking about positive relationships, helping them to stay safe, healthy and happy. Ideal for groups or one-to-one work, this resource features over 90 tried and tested activities.

Focusing on peer friendships, personal relationships and family dynamics, issues covered include peer pressure, relationship bullying, decision-making, managing conflict at home and family values. Activities come complete with photocopiable worksheets and include ideas for storyboard work, games, role-play and quizzes, as well as suggestions for creative projects including drama, music and art activities. They are designed to build assertiveness skills, encourage young people to make positive choices and help them to talk about their feelings. This second edition is fully updated and contains over ten new activities in each of the five sections. This is an invaluable resource for all those working with young people, including youth workers, teachers and voluntary sector youth leaders, helping them to make sessions valuable, educational and enjoyable.
September 2010, 160 pages, ISBN: 978-1-84905-136-1, paperback.

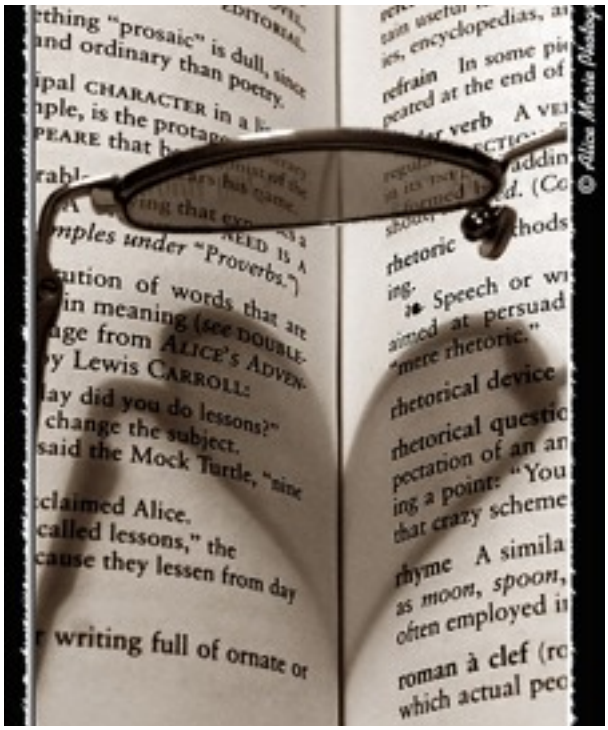
Steven Walker (2010) ***The Social Worker's Guide to Child and Adolescent Mental Health,*** JKP.

The Social Worker's Guide to Child and Adolescent Mental Health provides a comprehensive guide to working with children and young people who are experiencing mental health problems, and equips the reader with the knowledge and skills to provide the best service to these vulnerable young people.

The first part of the book considers what role social work can play in child and adolescent mental health, and explores key ideas related to mental health and young people, including attachment issues, children's emotional development and common and complex mental health problems. The author then covers how social work skills and methods can be applied to working with children and young people with mental health problems, including guidance on assessment tools, intervention, and multi-disciplinary working. The final section focuses on the wider context, such as legislative and policy frameworks and the importance of considering cultural, spiritual and religious identity. Case examples, reflective activities and practical exercises are included to underpin theory and knowledge.

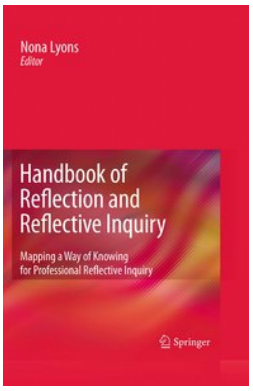
This book will be essential reading for all pre- and post-qualifying social work practitioners involved with children, adolescents and families, in particular those working in mental health settings, as well as approved mental health professionals.

September 2010, 288 pages, ISBN: 978-1-84905-122-4, paperback.



Recently Published Books/Publications

Nona Lyons (ed.) (2010) **The Handbook of Reflection and Reflective Inquiry: Mapping a Way of Knowing for Professional Reflective Inquiry (Springer 2010).**



Philosophers have warned of the perils of a life spent without reflection, but what constitutes reflective inquiry—and why it's necessary in our lives—can be elusive. Synthesizing ideas across professions and disciplines from minds as diverse as John Dewey and Paulo Freire, the Handbook of Reflection and Reflective Inquiry presents reflective thought in its most vital aspects, not as a fanciful or nostalgic exercise, but as a powerful means of seeing familiar events anew, encouraging critical thinking and crucial insight in the education of professionals. In its opening pages, two seasoned educators, Maxine Green and Lee Shulman, discuss reflective inquiry as a form of active attention (Thoreau's "wide-awakeness"), an act of consciousness, and a process by which people can understand themselves, their work (particularly in the form of life projects), and others. Building on this foundation, the Handbook of Reflection and Reflective Inquiry presents the work of 40 internationally oriented authors including six from University College Cork.

Download sample: http://www.ebook3000.com/Nona-Lyons---Handbook-of-Reflection-and-Reflective-Inquiry_82038.html

Christie, Alastair (2010) 'Whiteness and the politics of 'race' within child protection guidelines in Ireland', ***European Journal of Social Work***, 13(2), pp. 199-215.

A new pamphlet from thinktank TASC entitled ***Life and Debt 2010. Financial Exclusion in the Age of NAMA*** with contributions from Pauline Conroy, social policy analyst and Caroline Corr formerly of the Combat Poverty Agency has been published and is available on http://www.tascnet.ie/upload/file/LDupload050810.pdf

PARTNERS IN LEARNING. A PARENT'S GUIDE TO PARTNERSHIP IN CHILDCARE



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This guide is for parents who want to understand how they can work with childcare providers to give their child the best opportunities and experiences possible.

This booklet is available free from Barnardos' Training and Resource Service or can be downloaded at http://www.barnardos.ie/training_and_resources/barnardos-publication-centre/publications_free/partners-in-learning.html <http://www.barnardos.ie/training_and_resources/barnardos-publication-centre/publications_free/partners-in-learning.html>

CHILDLINKS ISSUE 1, 2010 - ADOPTION AND FOSTERING

Price: €3.00
This edition of the BTRS journal ChildLinks contains articles from Barnardos Advocacy Department; The Barnardos Post Adoption Service; the School of Psychology and Children's Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin; Dr Celia Beckett, Inst of Psychiatry, King's College London; The Irish Foster Care Association; and the Theraplay Institute in the US.

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WEB LINKS AND ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

National Home-sharing & Short-breaks Network - New 'Respite' Website

Des Hanrahan would like to bring to your attention a new website developed by the National Home-sharing & Short-breaks Network (NHSN) for which he is the PRO.

This site should be of interest to anyone curious about the future of short-breaks services in Ireland (aka 'respite') as well as 'inclusive living'. It defines the three main family based services currently operating here - short breaks, contract families, and home sharing. It includes useful links to other services and resources under the following categories: Host-family short breaks; Home Sharing; Homeshare; Information; Support Organisations; Research; and Funding.

The site is still being developed and will include more features, pages, and links, as it evolves. For more information contact Des at: info@nhsn.ie or check the website: www.nhsn.ie

Inequalities Blog

We are pleased to introduce INEQUALITIES, a new online forum dedicated to cross-national research and debate around different kinds of inequality [https://inequalitiesblog.wordpress.com/]. The blog will be updated three times a week (Mon/Wed/Fri) with a mixture of articles, shorter posts and interviews focused on the labour market, social security, health, politics, education, crime, and other areas of inequality.
We are hoping to attract both readers and contributors – with contributions ranging from comments on existing posts, through to writing articles for the site. If you're interested in writing something for Inequalities, then see our guidelines for contributors [https://inequalitiesblog.wordpress.com/guide-for-articlesposts/] and then just get in touch through the site.
We look forward to an exciting and engaging conversation!
Best wishes, Brendan Saloner & Ben Baumberg

A glimpse at the articles being posted in the first couple of weeks…
'Statistical Catfights' on the Effects of Inequality - Ben Baumberg (already posted)
Why Can't the United States be a European Health Care State? - Brendan Saloner (Sep 24th)
Why progressives in Europe should learn to love high tuition fees - Timo Idema (Sep 27th)
Are They Right? Further Thoughts on Wilkinson and Pickett - Rob De Vries (Sep 29th)
The Recession's Youngest Victims - Brendan Saloner (Oct 1st)

New Parents Plus Website

Our Parents Plus website has been launched full of extra information and an easier to us format. Please have a visit on www.parentsplus.ie . A new feature is a login area for trained PP facilitators where you can access extra training materials and research papers. In the transition to the new site we may have lost a few emails, so please resend any emails we haven't responded too.

Irish Journal of Applied Social Studies (Call for Papers) (http://arrow.dit.ie/ijass/)

Call for papers – special themed issue: "Contemporary Perspectives on Irish Youth Mental Health: From Research to the Real-World"

Topics will include (but not be limited to)
- Effectively Addressing Psychopathology in Irish Children & Families
- The Changing Face of Irish Youth Demographics. Opportunities and Challenges
- Positive Psychology and the Characteristics of Pathfinding Children
- Schools, Systems & Children. Help or Hindrance?
- Psychotherapy, Neuroscience and the Mind of a Child. Integrative Models or Disconnected Stories?

Guest Editor: Mike Power, Research Psychologist and Project Leader , Mater Hospital, Dublin 7.

Abstracts of 350 words to be submitted to mike.power@ucd.ie by October 30th 2010.

Updated Legislation Directory (1922 - April 2010) as produced by the Law Reform Commission has now been published on the eISB web site. http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/chronological.html.

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