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# Practice Links

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## Welcome to the New Look Practice Links!

# Continuing Professional Development

## Master Class: Self Neglect

The School of Nursing and Midwifery University College Cork are hosting their 9th annual conference on Friday 9th October in the School of Nursing & Midwifery. On Thursday 8th October we are hosting 3 Master classes. The Master class on Self-Neglect will be facilitated by Professor William Lauder who has written and published extensively in this area. Application to attend is necessary and completed forms need to be forwarded to the School of Nursing & Midwifery with payment. The cost of Master class is €20 and booking is essential as places are limited.

All details can also be found on our webpage: http://www.ucc.ie/en/nursingmidwifery/Research/ResearchConferences/. An online Registration & Payment can be made at: http://www.ucc.ie/en/nursingmidwifery/Research/ResearchConferences

## National Home Sharing Network AGM

AGM and Information Day is scheduled to take place on Friday 9th. October in the Radisson Hotel, Athlone. This Information Day replaces our Spring Conference. The cost is €25 and this includes a program of speakers and workshops looking at quality and standards and a full lunch. Results of our National Survey will be presented on the day. Please pencil this date into your diary as it will be the only opportunity for everyone involved in family based short breaks to meet up with each other, before the International Conference next year. It will be opened by Michele Clarke, Deputy Chief Inspector, Social Service Inspectorate, HIQA. The guest speaker is Dermott McGann, Head of Policy and Development Shared Care Network, UK. There will also be a presentation of preliminary findings from our 2nd. National Survey of Irish Family-based Short-break Services. Details of the AGM and International Conference are available on the website. http://www.conference.ie/Conferences/index.asp?Conference=65

## Suicide and Self-Harm
## Cross-border Adult Mental Health Social Work Conference

Iontas Centre, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan. Thursday 15th October 2009. Speakers include: Geoff Day - Director of the national office for suicide and Professor Mike Tomlinson - Queens University Belfast.

## Keeping Children Safe: Critical Times, Critical Issues Conference

Biennial child protection and welfare social work conference

University College Cork, 23rd October 2009. Conference partnership between the Social Work Development Unit (UCC), Irish Association of Social Workers (Southern Branch) and the Health Service Executive South. See full page brochure later on in this document. http://swconf.ucc.ie

## Alternative Spiritualities, the New Age and New Religious Movements in Ireland: An Interdisciplinary Conference

National University of Ireland, Maynooth
October 30th – 31st 2009. See http://www.nrmireland.blogspot.com/ .
The call for papers has a deadline of the 1st May.

# Continuing Professional Development

## "How Child Tell, How We Listen" Conference

St. Clare's Unit, Temple Street Hospital & St. Louise's Unit, Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Joint Annual Conference 2009 (To mark the 21st Anniversary of both Units). A one day conference looking at how children and young people disclose their experiences of sexual abuse, how services respond and what recommendations we can make for how best to respond in the future. Clarion Hotel, IFSC, Dublin City Centre. Friday 20th November 2009. For more information please contact Vanessa Hendrick at St Louise's Unit, Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin, Dublin 12. Telephone: (01) 409-6220/ Fax (01) 409 6125/ e-mail vanessa.hendrick@olchc.ie

Speakers:
Ms Nancy Chandler, CEO, Georgia Centre for Child Advocacy, USA. Nancy will present on the child advocacy model. This model is specifically directed at children at risk of sexual abuse and uses a multidisciplinary framework comprising law enforcement, child protection services, prosecution, medical and mental health professionals.

Dr. Rosaleen McElvaney. Rosaleen is currently a lecturer in Developmental/Abnormal Psychology in the school of social sciences and law, Dublin Institute of Technology and is President of the Psychological Society of Ireland. She will present her Doctorate research on the subject of how children disclose their experiences of sexual abuse which she completed as Health Research Board Fellow in Trinity College Dublin in 2008.

Ms Norah Gibbons, Director of Advocacy and Central Services, Barnardos. Norah recently chaired the Confidential Committee of the Commission to Enquire into Child Abuse and the independent investigation into the Roscommon Child Protection Case.

## Recovery: A Human Right

Asylum Associates in Association with Mind Freedom Cork presents a two day conference and launch of the European Association for Democratic Psychiatry (EADP). Venue: Devere Hall, University College Cork

Date: 4th and 5th November 2009. Time: 9.30am-4.30pm

This conference will explore not just ways of recovering from mental health difficulties but how to move on in your life and thrive.

Invited Speakers Include;

Mary Maddock, Pat Bracken, Phil Barker, Jacqui Dillon, Peter Bullimore, Brian Hickman, Michael Corry, Trevor Eyles, Rachel Perkins, Grainne Humphrys, Simon Mullins, Peter Lehman, Peter Cawley, Terry Lynch, Rufus May, Poppy Buchanan Barker, Thomas Tszasz, Aida Phelops, Brian Harnett TBC

## International Symposium. Tackling Human Trafficking in the EU: Raising Awareness and Developing Integrated Action

Wednesday 18th November 2009 at the Radisson Blu EU Hotel, Brussels.

The problem of Human Trafficking is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon in Europe with terrible consequences for victims, the majority of which are forced into prostitution, street crime, domestic servitude or other forms of labour exploitation. Furthermore, as well as devastating the lives of individuals, this crime has far-reaching implications for the social, economic and organisational fabric of every affected community in Europe. With latest statistics indicating that little progress has been made in tackling human trafficking in the EU, this special International Symposium offers an invaluable opportunity for local, regional and national authorities to gather comparative knowledge, discuss the latest challenges and share examples of cross-border best practices.

In order to encourage greater political will, facilitate policy discussion and explore comprehensive and integrated solutions to tackling human trafficking, the Centre for Parliamentary Studies is proud to host this first event as part of a series of international conferences aimed at raising awareness of this 'hidden' crime and 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. For further information: http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/9K18-PPE.php

# Continuing Professional Development

## The Next 25 Years: Societal Responses to Rape and Sexual Abuse

Galway Rape Crisis Centre, 27th November 2009, Ardilaun Hotel, Taylor's Hill, Galway City. Speakers: Colm O'Gorman and Ivana Bacik. www.galwayrcc.org / 091- 583149.

## 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

## International Short Break Association's Conference

7th International Short Break Conference shall explore the theme of Short Breaks:
A Path to Inclusion – Whose Needs? Whose Rights? What Choices?

Venue: National University of Ireland, Galway – Galway, Ireland
Date: June 9-11, 2010

Keynote Speakers:
Professor Roy McConkey, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland
Professor Robyn Munford, Massey University, New Zealand

This biennial conference will explore all aspects of Short Breaks for people of every age with a disability. The conference will draw on the United Nations Article 19 – Living independently and being included in the community as a framework for addressing inclusivity. The conference will address the effectiveness and appropriateness of short breaks and respite measures in facilitating all persons with a disability to full enjoyment, inclusion, choice and participation in the service they receive.

*Important Dates:*

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| Opening of Submission of abstracts or draft papers | 1st June, 2009 |
| Deadline for submission of abstracts | 15th November, 2009 |
| Notification of acceptance | 15th December, 2009 |
| Early Bird Registration | 15th April, 2010 |
| Late Registration | 30th May, 2010 |
| Conference | June 9-11, 2010 |

www.isba2010.com / http://www.conference.ie/Conferences/index.asp?Conference=65

# Barnardos' Training

**UNDERSTANDING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR**
15 October (7.30pm – 10.00pm)
Skylon Hotel, Drumcondra, Dublin 9
Fee: €45.00*

**DEVELOPING QUALITY POLICIES & PROCEDURES IN CHILDCARE**
10 November (7.30pm – 10.00pm)
Hilton Hotel, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
Fee: €45.00*

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
2 December (7.30pm – 10.00pm)
Spa Hotel, Lucan, Co Dublin
Fee: €45.00*

*Special rate of €100 in total for 3 evening events booked together and paid for in advance.

Booking form and further details available from Martina Dumpleton, Barnardos, Christchurch Sq. Dublin 8 Tel: 01 4530355 or email training@barnardos.ie

10% discount available on fees to members of Barnardos Training & Resource Service.

# Barnardos' Publications

Barnardos' Training and Resource Service are producing a new series of training resource packs to support the provision of training for those working in the childcare sector. Both packs (book and CD) cost €20 plus €3 postage and packing.

**CHILDCARE PRACTICE FOR VOLUNTARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES. ISBN: 978-1-906004-10-1**

**SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR. ISBN: 978-1-906004-11-8**

The next training pack due out later this year with be on children coping with domestic abuse and bullying.

Barnardos
No child gets left behind

## About Barnardos

**Our vision**
Barnardos' vision is an Ireland where childhood is valued and all children and young people are cherished equally.

**Our mission**
Barnardos' mission is to challenge and support families, communities, society and government to make Ireland the best place in the world to be a child, focusing specifically on children and young people whose well-being is under threat.

**Our core values**
At the heart of our work in Barnardos is a set of core values which inform every aspect of our services, policies and practices.

# Keeping Children Safe: Critical Times, Critical Issues Conference

## Biennial Child Protection and Welfare Conference

**23rd October, University College Cork**

## Speakers:

**The Honorable Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness,** President of the Law Reform Commission and former Justice of the Supreme Court

**Ian Elliott,** National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church

**Fergus Finlay,** CEO, Barnardos Ireland

**Professor Harry Ferguson,** Professor of Social Work, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

**Peter Kieran,** Specialist, Child and Family Services, Health Service Executive

**Carl O'Brien,** Social Affairs Correspondent, The Irish Times

**Ann Doyle,** Aftercare Co-ordinator, HSE South

**Dr. Paula Mayock**, Children's Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin

**Dr. Helen Buckley and Sadhbh Whelan**, Trinity College Dublin

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**Mary Hargaden**, Social Work Department, HSE North East

## Conference Registration

The conference brochure is available on the website http://swconf.ucc.ie. A special delegate fee of €50 was made possible this year due to funding from the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, and the Children's Act Advisory Board.

Contact Mary Duggan at 021-4923965 / mary.duggan4@hse.ie to book your place. This conference is nearly full.

## Papers from 2007 conference

An edited book of papers from the last conference is available to purchase. Further details on this link: http://swconf.ucc.ie/Book.html

## Abstracts, biographies and titles of papers

See website for full listings. http://swconf.ucc.ie

# Recently Published Books and Resources

Name: ***Applied Social Care An Introduction for Students in Ireland 2nd ed***
Edited by: Perry Share & Kevin Lalor
ISBN: 978 07171 43764
Web: http://www.gillmacmillan.ie/Ecom/Library3.nsf/CatalogByCategory/0CE79FF11B404CC9802575070055775F?OpenDocument
Price: rrp € 37.99
Publisher: Gill & Macmillan (One copy available for a book review. Contact Kenneth).

How does it feel when someone you love develops dementia? How do you cope with the shock, the stress and the grief? Can you be sure that you and your family will receive the support you need? In ***Telling Tales About Dementia: Experiences of Caring***, thirty carers from different backgrounds and in different circumstances share their experiences of caring for a parent, partner or friend with dementia. They speak from the heart about love and loss: 'I still find it hard to believe that Alzheimer's has happened to us,' writes one contributor, 'as if we were sent the wrong script.' The stories told here vividly reflect the tragedy of dementia, the gravity of loss, and instances of unsatisfactory diagnosis, treatment and care. But they contain hope and optimism too: clear indications that the quality of people's lives can be enhanced by sensitive support services, by improved understanding of the impact of dementia, by recognising the importance of valuing us all as human beings, and by embracing and sustaining the connections between us. This unique collection of personal accounts will be an engaging read for anyone affected by dementia in a personal or professional context, including relatives of people with dementia, social workers, medical practitioners and care staff.

Edited by Lucy Whitman.
Foreword by Joanna Trollope
September 2009, 224 pages, paperback.
ISBN: 9781843109419.
£12.99/US$19.95.
Find out more and buy this book: http://www.jkp.com/new/9781843109419

***Using Expressive Arts to Work with Mind, Body and Emotions*** combines theory, research and activities to produce practical suggestions for enhancing client participation in the therapy process. It surveys the literature on art therapy; somatic approaches; emotion-activating models; use of music, writing and dreamwork; and the implications of the new findings in neuroscience. The book includes step-by-step instructions for implementing expressive therapies techniques, and contains a wide range of experiential activities that integrate playful yet powerful tools that work in harmony with the client's innate ability for self-healing. The authors discuss transpersonal influences along with the practical implications of both emotion-focused and attachment theories. Using Expressive Arts to Work with Mind, Body and Emotions is an essential guide to integrating creative arts-based activities into counselling and psychotherapy and will be a useful manual for practitioners, academics and student counsellors, psychologists, psychotherapists, social workers and creative arts therapists.

Mark Pearson and Helen Wilson.
August 2009, 320 pages, paperback.
ISBN: 9781849050319.
£19.99/US$34.95.

Find out more and buy this book: http://www.jkp.com/new/9781849050319

In the United States alone, there are roughly three million individuals living with a developmental disability, but less than a third are active in the labor market. This book provides a comprehensive approach to developing a successful jobs program for persons with developmental disabilities, drawn from the author's extensive experience and real success.

The majority of persons with developmental disabilities are unemployed, underemployed, or still work in sheltered programs where it is almost impossible to reach their full potential. Job success is possible, but it requires a system based on a business model based on proven economics, rather than the traditional social services model. By employing a step-by-step procedure for gaining insight into the client, analyzing market opportunities, matching the client to a job, and supporting the client after placement, service providers can help individuals make a successful transition into good community-based employment. Job Success for Persons with Developmental Disabilities will be essential reading for profit and non-profit rehabilitation service organizations, private job development businesses, government funding agencies, special education job placement programs, transition specialists, and families of persons with developmental disabilities.

David B. Wiegan.
Foreword by Ron Rush
August 2009, 160 pages, paperback.
ISBN: 9781843109228.
£19.99/US$34.95.
Find out more and buy this book: http://www.jkp.com/new/9781843109228

# Recently Published Books and Resources

This fully-updated second edition of ***Learning Through Child Observation*** is a handbook for professionals working in, or students preparing to work in, children's services.

This accessible text examines the value of observation, it's use in assessment and the practical aspects and methods of observational study. The author focuses on the importance of fully recognising the child's developmental and emotional state when intervening, and the need to see children `holistically' and as unique individuals within the wider context of the family and community. New chapters include Views of Children and Childhood, which draws on European educational and sociological perspectives and highlights the contrasting views of children, and The 'Hundred Languages of Children', which considers the place of creative engagement and multiple forms of expression by children.

With new material and updated chapters, this second edition of a popular text will appeal to students and professionals in all children's services, whether in pre-school, schools, social care, mental health or health settings.

Book details:
Learning Through Child Observation.
Mary Fawcett.
July 2009, 176 pages, paperback.
ISBN: 9781843106760.
£14.99/US$26.95.

Find out more and buy this book: http://www.jkp.com/new/9781843106760

Death is never an easy subject for discussion and adults often struggle to find the right words when talking about it with children. This book explores children's thoughts and feelings on the subject of death and provides parents and other caring adults with guidance on how to respond to difficult questions.

The author explores some of the most common questions children ask about death and provides sensitive yet candid answers, phrased in a way that children will be able to understand and relate to. Each chapter is devoted to a particular issue, such as religious beliefs, coming to terms with terminal illness, and the fear of forgetting someone when they are gone. The book recognizes the emotions and reactions of children and family members and includes separate conclusions for parents and children.

This guide offers useful advice for parents and carers and will also be of interest to counsellors and other professionals working with children.

Book details:
***Great Answers to Difficult Questions about Death. What Children Need to Know.***
Linda Goldman.
June 2009, 112 pages, paperback.
ISBN: 9781849058056.
£9.99/US$14.95.

Find out more and buy this book: http://www.jkp.com/new/9781849058056
http://www.jkp.com/new/9781843106722

# Domestic Violence Research Study

**How Could She? Mothers Who Leave.**

This research is an attempt to study, for the first time in Ireland the experiences of mothers who decide to leave their children. It explores the reasons why the mothers made their decision and the events following their leaving. It is hoped that it will give those mothers a voice and increase understanding of the issue and if necessary identify how policies could be developed to support those mothers prior to and following their decision. It focuses only on the mothers, not children or fathers.

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# Web Links and Electronic Publications

## SOFT Ireland

SOFT Ireland is a voluntary organisation set up to provide support to families with children having the chromosomal disorders Trisomy 13/18 (Patau's / Edwards syndromes). We are in the process of distributing updated information material countrywide to relevant professionals in the health sector (medical, nursing, chaplaincy, social work etc) in order to raise awareness of SOFT. FREEPHONE 1800 213 218 / Email: info@softireland.com / Website: www.softireland.com

## Social and Health Project (Munster)

The Social and Health Education Project works through training and other supports to help people develop the capacities necessary to bring about constructive change in their own lives, in their relationships with others, in their communities, and in the wider world. The overall aim of the Project is…

To enable people to achieve personal effectiveness: the capacity to discern and adopt health-enhancing and socially just behaviours which optimise individual and community well-being and promote the integrity of the natural environment.

SHEP's primary work area is in Counties Cork and Kerry in the south-west of Ireland. The project also supports the work of partners operating in other parts of the world. SHEP is a registered charity (CHY9974) and a not-for-profit company which is limited by guarantee (no. 167824). Its registered office is at Village Chambers, Station Road, Ballincollig, Co. Cork, Ireland. For more information see the SHEP website http://www.socialandhealth.com

## Well-Being Zone Website (Neil Thompson)

The online hub for everyone committed to promoting well-being. http://www.well-beingzone.com/

## Dr Monica Applewhite Address to the Irish Bishops, March 2009

Text of a powerful address to the Irish Bishops on the experience of managing clerical sexual abusers in the USA with some pointers at the end for the bishops here. http://www.safeguarding.ie/Documents/Presentation%20for%20the%20Irish%20Bishops%20-%20written%20version.pdf

## Social Studies.ie - Updated Website

The Irish directory of information for social care practitioners, students, academics and all those interested in Applied Social

## Barnardos' Daily Digest

The Daily Digest is a compilation of relevant articles on social, economic and policy matters relating to children and families. The articles are taken from the on-line editions of the Irish Times, Irish Independent, Examiner, UK Guardian and RTE News website. Relevant articles are also included from the Sunday Broadsheets. The Daily Digest is prepared by Barnardo's Training and Resource Service and emailed to subscribers each morning from Monday to Friday. There is no charge for this service. If you would like to receive the Daily Digest you can email Barnardos Training and Resource Service at martina.dumpleton@barnardos.ie.

## Irish Social Science Data Archive

The establishment, within the auspices of the Geary Institute (formerly the Institute for the Study of Social Change), of the Irish Social Science Data Archive (ISSDA), fills a long recognised need in Ireland. ISSDA holds an ever-increasing quantity of machine-readable data from surveys and official statistics (such as the Census) and makes them readily available to users in the academic, public and commercial sectors. Click here for further information: http://issda.ucd.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, conference and continuing professional development opportunities. *Practice Links* is published every other month in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf file). Distributed by email and on the *Practice Links* website.

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