

IRISH AFTERCARE NETWORK

Providing Support to People Working With Care Leavers

Annual Conference

17th May 2019

*“Working with Trauma”
What Aftercare Workers need to know*

9.00am – 4.00pm

*Sheraton Hotel
Athlone
Co. Westmeath*

'Social Care Ireland endorses this Conference as being of high quality and relevant to the CPD needs of Social Care Workers'

Conference Speakers

Ciaran Kenny qualified from Athlone Institute of Technology with an Hons Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies in Social Care. He has worked in Don Bosco Care with vulnerable people since 2001 both in residential care as well as aftercare. During this time Ciaran founded both the Don Bosco Care football team and activity centre which provides a positive outlet both for young people currently in state care and care leavers. At present there are over thirty young people linked into this service. In his current role as outreach aftercare worker Ciaran is working with a case load of twenty-five young people managing their transition from various care settings and coordinating the delivery of their individual aftercare plans. Ciaran is vice chair of Breaking Through CLG. He is also chairperson of the Irish Aftercare Network which he has been involved with for a number of years.

Jerry Grogan is a former primary school teacher and principal. He taught in St.Enda's, Whitefriar St, Dublin city-centre and in Holy Trinity NS, Donaghmede. Originally from Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry, Jerry is involved in GAA, through Cumann na mBunscol, at Dublin and national level for over 40 years. He also served on GAA Central Council and has been a voluntary steward in Croke Park for 40 years. Jerry worked in the Croke Park Press Box for 15 years and has been Stadium Announcer for the past 20 years. He has a keen interest in sport and organic gardening.

Colm O'Gorman is the Executive Director of Amnesty International Ireland. He is the founder and former Director of One in Four, the national NGO that supports women and men who have experienced sexual violence. Prior to his role with One in Four, Colm worked as a psychotherapist in his own practice in London. Colm has campaigned extensively at both national and global level for justice and accountability for victims of sexual violence. He has also made a number of award winning documentaries on child sexual abuse. In his role with One in Four he was instrumental in the establishment of the Ferns Inquiry, the first Irish State investigation into clerical sexual abuse. Colm has also served as a member of Seanad Éireann, and is an author and regular media commentator on social justice and human rights issues. Colm was one of the lead campaigners in the Marriage Equality Referendum held in May 2015. Most recently, as Executive Director of Amnesty International Ireland, he was centrally involved in the successful campaign for a referendum to repeal the eighth amendment to the Irish Constitution.

Margaret Haugh is a Senior Social Worker with the Tusla Assessment Consultation and Therapy Service (ACTS) based in Limerick, where she works as part of a multidisciplinary team providing support to young people placed in special care and at high risk in the community.

Dermot O'Callaghan works as Senior Counselling Psychologist with Tusla's Assessment Consultation and Therapy Service (ACTS). ACTS is a specialist multidisciplinary service with the remit of supporting young people in special care or detention, and young people who are at high risk in the community. Dermot qualified as a psychologist from Trinity College Dublin in 2008 and has worked full time within HSE and Tusla Child and Family Services since then. He lectures on psychological assessment and therapy with children and families on the Doctorate in Counselling Psychology programme at TCD. Dermot is currently a company director and society council member of the Psychological Society of Ireland, where he also served as chair of the PSI's Division of Counselling Psychology in 2017/2018.

Mary Kate Barry is a Senior Social Work Practitioner and Psychotherapist. She works with Tusla and is currently working with Foster Carers. Mary Kate has worked in Child Protection and Welfare and "has been in the field for more years" than she cares to admit to!

Joanna Fortune is a clinical psychotherapist and attachment specialist. She founded the Solamh Parent Child Relationship Clinic in Dublin in 2010 (www.solamh.com) where she works with families around a variety of issues, specialising in attachment therapy. She is a recognised supervisor, trainer and conference speaker in her field. In 2017 she delivered a TEDx Talk on the topic "Social media - the ultimate shame game?". Having previously written a parenting column for the Sunday Times (Ireland Edition) she continues to write and contribute to articles on child development and parenting in various other print publications. She is also a regular media contributor to a variety of Irish radio and TV shows. She is the parenting consultant on "Newstalk FM's Sean Moncrieff Show". Joanna has also contributed to a number of books and publications and her first solo written book for parents, called "15 Minute Parenting", is available now in bookshops and online.

Andy James has been a professional magician for over 15 years and has freaked out audiences all over the world. Andy has been lucky enough to share his magic globally performing magic in all 7 continents and performing to people such as Richard Branson and Simon Cowell. He's performed at sea, and even in the air! He will freak you out make you laugh and blow you away with his mind reading and mentalism skill.

Gary Broderick, BA, BD, MA, Dip add Studies, is the Director of the SAOL Project, a service working with women who use/drugs. He is a part-time lecturer on addiction in University College Dublin, Maynooth University and with the Learning Curve Institute where he also delivers a workshop on Trauma Informed Practice. Gary believes strongly that addiction is the shared responsibility of all of society and is a normal reaction to social isolation, trauma and poverty. Meeting trauma and violence on a daily basis in SAOL has been influential in his work in promoting Trauma Informed Practice in the addiction field.

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Conference Programme

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- 9.00am-9.30am** **Registration**
- 9.30am-9.45am** **Welcome**
Ciaran Kenny - *Chairperson Irish Aftercare Network*
- Conference MC**
Jerry Grogan - *The Voice of Croke Park*
- 9.45am-10.15am** **Keynote Address**
Colm O’Gorman - *Executive Director, Amnesty International Ireland*
- 10.15am-10.45am** **“They do that thing that begins with IN . . . and then you’re on your own”**
A case study of the support offered by Tusla’s ACTS Team as part of a young person’s journey through special care into aftercare
Margaret Haugh - *Senior Social Worker, Tusla*
Dermot O’Callaghan - *Senior Counselling Psychologist, Tusla Assessment Consultation & Therapy Service (ACTS)*
- 10.45am-11.15am** **“Forewarned is forearmed, keeping well and building resilience in a trauma environment”**
Mary Kate Barry - *Senior Social Work Practitioner & Psychotherapist, Tusla*
- 11.15am-11.45am** **Tea/Coffee/Networking**
- 11.45am-1.00pm** **“Trauma, where whispers echo – exploring the inter-generational nature of trauma in families”**
Joanna Fortune - *Clinical Psychotherapist & Attachment Specialist, SOLAMH Parent Child Relationship Clinic*
- 1.00pm-2.00pm** **Lunch**
- 2.00pm-2.40pm** **Laughter Therapy**
Andy James - *Entertainer*
- 2.40pm-3.45pm** **“Trauma Informed Practice: Not just for Therapists”**
Gary Broderick - *The Learning Curve Institute & SAOL Project*
- 3.45pm-4.00pm** **Wrap Up & Close**

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