

# IRISH AFTERCARE NETWORK

*Providing Support to People Working With Care Leavers*

## *Annual Conference*

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

*“Looking Forward – Working With Young  
People Leaving Care”*

*9.00am - 3.45pm*

*Sheraton Hotel  
Athlone Co Westmeath*

*Conference Fee €40  
Students & Unwaged €35*

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Social Care Workers'*

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<b>9.00am-9.30am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9.30am-9.40am</b>	<b>Welcome</b>  <b>Ciaran Kenny</b> – <i>Chairperson, Irish Aftercare Network</i>  <b>Conference MC</b>  <b>Jerry Grogan</b> - <i>The Voice of Croke Park</i>
<b>9.40am-10.00am</b>	<b>Opening Address</b>  <b>Minister Roderic O’Gorman</b> - <i>Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</i>
<b>10.00am-10.30am</b>	<b>Young people’s stories of their journey through aftercare</b>  <b>David Kelly</b>  <b>Thomas Mongan</b>  <b>Kye Brax Noble</b>
<b>10.30am-11.00am</b>	<b>“A home is a human right for those leaving care”</b>  <b>Dr Rory Hearn</b> , - <i>Assistant Professor in Social Policy, Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University</i>
<b>11.00am-11.30am</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee/Networking</b>
<b>11.30am-12.30pm</b>	<b>“A Life Worth Living”</b>  <b>Bronagh Starrs</b> – <i>Founder &amp; Director of Blackfort Adolescent Gestalt Institute and Programme Director for the MSc Adolescent Psychotherapy in Dublin Counselling &amp; Therapy Centre</i>

**12.30pm – 1.00pm**

**“Looking Forward – Working With Young People Leaving Care”**

**Panel Discussion**

**Kate Duggan**-*Director of Services & Integration (Deputy CEO) Tusla*

**Bronagh Starrs** - *Founder & Director of Blackfort Adolescent Gestalt Institute and Programme Director for the MSc Adolescent Psychotherapy in Dublin Counselling & Therapy Centre*

**Dr Rory Hearn**- *Assistant Professor in Social Policy, Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University*

**Dr Eavan Brady**, *Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work & Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin*

**1.00pm-2.00pm**

**Lunch**

**2.00pm-2.45pm**

**Laughter Therapy/Comic Relief**

**Fred Cooke** - *Comedian*

**2.45pm-3.15pm**

**“One more adversity: Exploring the lived experience of care leavers in Ireland during the Covid-19 pandemic”**

**Dr Eavan Brady** - *Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work & Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin*

**3.15pm – 3.35pm**

**“Connection and Anchoring”**

**Órlaith Hayes** - *Person in Charge, Wellsprings*

**3.35pm-3.45pm**

**Wrap up & Close**

**Yvonne Casey** - *National Director, Breaking Through*

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