



The Association of Childhood Professionals

The Professional Body Representing Practitioners in Early Years & School Age Care & Education

Presents

**‘TOWARDS PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE,
AFFECTIVE & GENDER EQUALITY IN
CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION’**

3rd National Conference

Saturday 13th October 2012

The Chapel,
Waterford Institute of Technology,
College Street Campus,
College Street, Waterford
10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Cost: €15 for members, €20 for non-members & €10 for students

(Cost includes lunch and information pack)

(Limited places available- early booking advised)

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Hosted by **Waterford County Childcare Committee**

Schedule for the day

- 10.00-10.30 Registration - Tea and Coffee on arrival
- 10.30-10.45 **Welcome & Opening address**
Angela Walshe, Chair Waterford ACP
- 10.45-11.00 **ACP- History, Key messages and the future**
Marian Quinn, Chair Cork ACP
Mick Kenny, Chair Kilkenny ACP
- 11.00-11.45 **‘Towards Affective & Gender Equality’**- Kathleen Lynch,
Professor of Equality Studies UCD
- 11.45-11.55 Questions and Answers
- 11.55-12.30 **‘Towards Professional Practice in ECCE-** Dr. Maresa Duignan, Early Years Education Policy Unit
- 12.30-12.40 Questions and Answers
- 12.40-1.40 Lunch & Networking
- 1.40-14.25 Parallel Workshops
(workshops 1, 2, 3 & 4 run concurrently)
- 14.25-15.10 Parallel Workshops
(workshops 1, 2,3 & 4 run concurrently)

Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1&2- Equality & Diversity– Impacts on Personal & Professional Development

Workshop 3-ACP- How to set up your local council & recruit members

Workshop 4- Men in Childcare Ireland

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1

**Kathleen Lynch B.SocSc, M.SocSc, Ph D. (NUI);
Community Development**

Kathleen Lynch is Professor of Equality Studies in University College Dublin. Her major area of equality research has been in education and for the last 10 years she has been working on issues of egalitarian theory and practice with her colleagues in UCD. They have published two major works in the field- *Equality from Theory to Action* (2004, 2009) and *Affective Equality: Love, Care and Injustice* (2009). As an academic and activist, Kathleen has played a key role in founding the UCD Equality Studies Centre in 1990 and the UCD School of Social Justice in 2005. Kathleen also helped in establishing the UCD wide Egalitarian World Initiative Network (EWI) which she chairs at present.

Kathleen has been an advisor to the EU Directorate Generalate on Education and Culture (DGEAC) since 2007. She works closely with a number of voluntary and community organisations devoted to the promotion of social justice and equality.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2

Dr. Maresa Duignan- Early Years Education Policy Unit

Dr. Maresa Duignan is Early Years Education Specialist in the Early Years Education Policy Unit of the Department of Education & Skills. Formerly Assistant Director of the Centre for Early Childhood Development & Education (CECDE), Maresa has been involved in the development and delivery of early years services since the mid 1990s. Her particular research interest is in the professional preparation and practice of adults working with young children and her doctoral thesis focused on the *Growth of Professionalism in Early Childhood Care & Education in Ireland* (University College Cork, 2011). She has been centrally involved in the development and publication of national policy in this regard including *Quality Childcare and Lifelong Learning: A Model Framework for the Education, Training and Professional Development of the Early Childhood Care and Education Sector in Ireland* (2002), *Síolta, the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education* (2006) and *A Workforce Development Plan for the Early Childhood Care & Education Sector* (2010)

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1 & 2

Equality & Diversity—Impacts on Personal & Professional Developments

These workshops will look at how the anti-bias approach impacts on the personal and professional development of childhood professionals. The workshop will be delivered by Waterford childhood professionals Siobhan Walsh, Máire Ní Bhroin, Ger Lanigan, Lucy Stevenson, Aisling Evans and Ann Marie Corcoran who have completed the FETAC Level 6 module on Equality and Diversity.

Workshop 3

ACP- How to set up your local council and recruit member

This workshop will be facilitated by Marian Quinn, Chair of Cork ACP. It will examine the process of setting up a local council, the benefits & opportunities that arise as well as the challenges that may be encountered. Council members of established groups will facilitate this workshop and share their practical and 'real' experience

Workshop 4

Men in Childcare Ireland- Equality in Action

This workshop will be facilitated by members of the Men in Childcare Network Irl. It will examine the approach Men in Childcare Ireland have taken in promoting affective and gender equality since forming in 2004. It will also look at the importance of building respectful relations between childcare workers themselves and the wider sector and also the key role of networking and support to building a strong collective voice. The Network will share some of the learning from a recent international conference in Berlin, which they were invited to attend, and which looked at the role of men in the childcare sector.

Directions

From Dublin, Kilkenny, Carlow (avoiding the toll bridge)

Take the M9 / N9 towards Waterford. At the first roundabout on approach to Waterford, take the first exit (signposted Waterford / Cork / Rosslare). At the next roundabout, take the second exit (sign posted Waterford). Follow signs to Waterford until you reach Rice Bridge, beside the Railway Station. Go right at the roundabout, cross the bridge (**make sure you are in the left lane**) and take a left turn along the quays.

At the end of the quays (at the Tower Hotel) follow the road around to the right onto The Mall (**stay in right lane**). Carry on straight along the mall. Continue straight going through 3 sets of traffic lights. Directly after the third set of traffic lights is WIT College Street campus on the right (**long drive way- if you pass Morris DIY shop- you are gone too far**)

From Limerick (avoiding the toll bridge):

Take the N24 towards Waterford. At the first roundabout on approach to Waterford, take the second exit (signposted Waterford / Cork / Rosslare). At the next roundabout, take the second exit (signposted Waterford). Follow signs to Waterford until you reach Rice Bridge, beside the Railway Station. Go right at the roundabout, cross the bridge (**make sure you are in the left lane**) and take a left turn along the quays. At the end of the quays (at the Tower Hotel) follow the road around to the right onto The Mall (**stay in the right lane**). Carry on straight along the mall. Continue straight going through 3 sets of traffic lights. Directly after the third set of traffic lights is WIT College Street campus on the right (**long drive way- if you pass Morris DIY shop- you are gone too far**)

From Wexford, Gorey or Enniscorthy (avoiding the toll bridge):

From New Ross, take the N25 (signposted Waterford / Cork). Approx 1 mile after the Rhu Glen Hotel on the left, take the second exit off the roundabout (sign posted Waterford Port). Follow signs to Waterford until you reach Rice Bridge, beside the Railway Station. Go left at the roundabout, cross the bridge(**stay in left lane**) and take a left turn along the quays. At the end of the quays (at the Tower Hotel) follow the road around to the right onto The Mall (**stay in right lane**). Carry on straight along the mall. Continue straight going through 3 sets of traffic lights. Directly after the third set of traffic lights is WIT College Street Campus on the right (**long drive way– if you pass Morris DIY shop you have gone too far**)

From Cork and Dungarvan:

From Cork / Dungarvan, take the N25 signed-posted Waterford / Rosslare. Get off the N25 dual carriageway (new road) at the exit just before the Toll Bridge (signposted Waterford South/R710). At the top of the ramp, take the right through a small roundabout, proceed over the flyover, go straight through another small roundabout (signposted R710), then straight through two larger roundabouts (signposted R710/City Centre/Tramore).

At the next roundabout (landmark B&Q), take the first exit (signposted City Centre). Proceed down the Cork Road for approx 4km (passing WIT main campus, McDonald's, Community Care buildings). The entrance to WIT College Street Campus is after Community Care building on the left **before** the set of traffic lights



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BOOKING FORM

(Please detach and return to address overleaf)
Please complete a separate booking form for each individual

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Please use BLOCK CAPITALS when completing the form

Name: _____

Organization/ College: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

E mail address: _____ (please print clearly)

Have you any special dietary requirements Yes No
If yes, please give further details _____

Have you have any special needs requirements Yes No
If yes, please give further details _____

Any other information you feel might be relevant to the organisers

Please tick workshops in order of preference in both (1-3). As workshops fill you may be reallocated to another workshop

WORKSHOP 1.40-2.25p.m 2.25-3.10p.m

1&2 Equality & Diversity—
Impacts on Personal & Professional Developments _____

3- ACP- How to set up your local council & recruit members _____

4- MiC- Promoting affective & gender equality _____

Registration Fee enclosed

_____ (please tick)

Cheques should be made payable to **Waterford ACP**

€10- Student _____

€15- Member _____

€20- Non –member _____

Cheques should be returned along with booking form to:

Waterford ACP
c/o 121 Roselawn,
Tramore,
Co. Waterford

To be returned no later than **8th October 2012**

If you require any further information on the conference contact
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