



Master of Social Work / Post Grad. Dip. In Social Work

Post Graduate Research Conference
Western Gateway Building G02 & G04

7th – 8th May 2013



Tuesday 7th May Stream A

9.30 – 11am Session 1 Chair: **Grainne O'Sullivan**

1. **Imelda Brackett:** Care Leaver or Asylum Seeker? Participants' experiences of the policies and practices when working with Separated Asylum Seeking Young People who are about to 'age out'.
2. **Marcella Grimes Buckley:** Ethics & Values in Social Work: A Study of Practitioners working in the area of Child Protection.
3. **Lucy Dennehy:** The contribution that mindfulness makes towards alleviating the symptoms of burnout in child protection social work: A thematic review.

11.30 – 1pm Session 2 Chair: **Eleanor Dwyer**

1. **Clare Reeves:** Exploring the Recovery Model in Mental Health: A Social Work Perspective.
2. **Grainne O'Sullivan:** An Exploration of the Meaning of *The Voice of the Child*: A Literature Review.
3. **Siobhan Marie Horgan:** Working with people from the travelling community in end of life care settings, and the potential use of narrative therapy as a therapeutic social work tool.
4. **Sarah Kennedy:** Cultural Competence in Contemporary Fostering Social Work.

2pm – 4pm Session 3 Chair: **Sarah Kennedy**

1. **Emma O'Driscoll:** Violence Against Child Protection Social Workers: An Exploration of their Experiences, the Emotional Effects and the Supports Used.
2. **Eleanor Dwyer:** An Exploration of Compulsive Hoarding - A Primary Care perspective.
3. **Laurann Kiely:** A Comparative Analysis of the Medical Model and Social Model in the Irish Mental Health Services: Taking a Holistic Approach to Mental Health Social Work Practice in a System Dominated by the Medical Model.
4. **Bridget Callanan:** Elder Abuse: An exploration of policy responses and practice challenges for social workers.

Tuesday 7th May Stream B

9.30 – 11am Session 1 Chair: **Kate Newell**

1. **Kate Healy:** 'Getting the Bigger Picture' : An Exploration of the Role of Social Work within a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Multidisciplinary Team.

2. **Shane Murphy:** The Use of Creative Tools Within Disability Social Work Practice: Do Service users Benefit? A Qualitative analysis of the use of creative tools in the context of a Disability Social Work Setting.

3. **Margaret Durkin:** An exploration of senior case workers' views and experiences of working with older adults who exhibit characteristics of extreme self-neglect.

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11.30 – 1pm Session 2 Chair: **Shane Murphy**

1. **Robert Sullivan:** Self-care and Burnout: An Exploration into Students Experience of Self-Care while studying social work in University College Cork.

2. **Kate Newell:** A systematic review of the challenges and contradictions posed in the constructs of the therapeutic and forensic social work role in child sexual abuse assessments.

3. **Ciara Hennessey:** An Exploration into the experiences of Child Protection Social Workers when accessing Mental Health Services for Children in Care of the Health Service Executive (H.S.E.).

4. **Caroline McMahon:** Social Work with Older Adults: A Review of Key Themes and Critical Debates.

2pm – 4pm Session 3 Chair: **Ciara Hennessey**

1. **Holly Osborne Ryan:** An exploration of Senior Case Workers' Role in Cases of Intra Familial Financial Elder Abuse.

2. **Elaine Walsh:** An exploration of the construction of the social work role in relation to the impact of parental mental health on parenting capacity, with a particular focus on collaboration between social workers working in the fields of adult mental health and child protection.

3. **Sile Beattie:** What are the possible Implications of the Referendum on children in Long-term Foster Care in Ireland; A comparison with International Studies?

4. **Brian Hogan:** Equality policy in local authorities; Against the backdrop of the financial crisis, a comparative analysis of the effectiveness of equality policy at local authority level in Ireland and the UK, and the implications for social work practice.

Wednesday 8th May Stream A

9.30 – 11am Session 1 Chair: **Siobhan Walsh**

1. **Siobhan Ryan:** An exploration of the role of birth families in foster care and an evaluation of the outcome for the child.

2. **Moire Fulham:** Black Humour in Social Work Settings: Social Work Students' Perspectives.

3. **Judy Conlon:** Restorative Practices - A Paradigm for Social Work Practice: Exploring how professionals in Youth Justice Work engage restoratively with young offenders and their families

11.30 – 1pm Session 2 Chair: **Robert O'Connor**

1. **Siobhan Walsh:** Adult Mental health social workers' perspectives of the CORU Code of Professional Conduct and its usefulness in their practice.

2. **Claire Mulcahy:** An Exploration of the diverse methods of Reflective Practice in Social Work.

3. **Kerry Harty Beauseigneur:** An exploration into proposed Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse in Ireland: A teachers' perspective.

2pm – 4pm Session 3 CARL. Chair: **Kerry Harty Beauseigneur**

1. **Yvonne Gaule:** Age-Friendly Bandon: The Impact of Transport on Social Participation in Bandon and the surrounding area.

2. **Susan Mackey:** Rebuilding Family Life: An Exploration of Female Refugees' Experiences of Family Reunification and Resettlement in Ireland.

3. **Amanda Cooper:** An Exploration of Sibling Contact for Children in Foster Care: A Retrospective Study of Adults formerly in Foster Care in Waterford.

4. **Robert O'Connor:** The Diary of ARC House: A Feasibility Study to explore the development of a support Blog at Cork ARC Cancer Support House.

Wednesday 8th May Stream B

9.30 – 11am Session 1 Chair: Yvonne Gaule

- 1. John Paul Peters:** How can we construct approaches to mental health social work that create suitable conditions for service-user and carer involvement and develop practice which facilitates the integration of social perspectives into mental health discourse?
- 2. Laura Kiernan:** An exploration of the effects of multiple foster care placements on young children and their abilities to securely attach to primary caregivers.
- 3. Lauren Doyle:** An Exploratory study of Mindfulness and its use for social work practice.

11.30 – 1pm Session 2 Chair: John Paul Peters

- 1. Brendan Cronin:** Examining the potential of sport to play a role in contributing towards the rehabilitation of young offenders in Ireland. An exploration of how and why engagement in sport or recreational activities could be used as a mechanism for reducing recidivism and tackling social exclusion for young people in conflict with the law.
- 2. Helen O'Byrne:** The role of the Guardian ad Litem in child care proceedings in Ireland; Is the current lack of regulation a hindrance or a help? Perspectives from the Guardians.
- 3. Edel Sheahan:** An exploration of the changing role of the duty Child Protection Social Worker in Ireland since 2003-the influence of risk averse practice on the screening phase of assessment.

2pm – 4pm Session 3 Chair: Lauren Doyle

- 1. Lisa Moran:** an examination of reporting practices by social workers, of abusive clients and their families, in child protection.
- 2. Lia Barron:** Infant mental health: a comparison of English and Irish CAMHS Teams.
- 3. Philip Slyne:** The Future of Residential Child Care in Ireland? The views of social care workers on the current challenges and future direction of the care system
- 4. Linda Kelly:** An exploration into whether all sex offenders should be mandatorily supervised by the Probation Service post release from prison: the experiences of probation officers.

Invitation

We have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the annual MSW Student Research Conference in the School of Applied Social Studies at UCC. The MSW Course Team has been interested for some time in making the findings of the 2nd year research dissertations available to a wider audience. All the presenters are 2nd year students who have successfully completed two fieldwork placements and are coming to the end of the course. In carrying out these projects many of them will have received invaluable support from Practice Teachers, social workers, tutors, lecturers, service users, civil society and other staff in a variety of services. We gratefully appreciate this support and we hope it will be interesting for you to hear what the presenters have discovered.

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