



Bord Altranais agus
Cnámhseachais na hÉireann
Nursing and Midwifery
Board of Ireland

Hosted by:



Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland National Student Midwife Debate 2022 Friday, 4 November 2022

Motion for debate:

This house believes that the diminishing 'normal birth' rate is a threat to the midwifery profession

PROGRAMME

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- 14:00** **Welcome and opening of debate**
Dr Geri McLoughlin, Midwife Lecturer, School of Nursing and Midwifery, UCC
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- 14:10** **Opening address**
Essene Cassidy, NMBI President
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- 14:20** **Creating Zero Tolerance of Domestic Abuse: the strength of Community action for positive intervention and prevention**
Sarah Benson, CEO Womens Aid Ireland
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- 14:55 - 15:40**
- Debate**

Introduced by **Dawn Johnston**, Director of Professional Standards – Midwifery, NMBI

Student Debaters:

Nadia Hutton, Trinity College Dublin

Laura O'Sullivan, University College Cork

Khayla Timothy, University of Limerick

Claudia Donnelly, Dundalk Institute of Technology

Hannah Flaherty, University of Galway

Lia Kehoe, University College Dublin

Judges:

Denise Lawlor, Chair of Midwives Committee, NMBI

Sarah Benson, CEO Womens Aid Ireland

Mary Higgins, retired midwife and former Board Member International Confederation of Midwives
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- 15:40** **Why the profession of midwives will be critical in the 21st century: Saving lives, ensuring compassion**
Fran McConville, Midwifery Advisor, World Health Organization
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- 16:10** **Winning Team and Winning Speaker announced and prize-giving**
Denise Lawler, Chair of Midwives Committee NMBI
Essene Cassidy, NMBI President
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- 16:20** **Closing speaker**
Sheila McClelland, NMBI CEO
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