

## **‘Social Care Work: Strengths and Abilities’**

**Social Care Ireland  
Annual Conference 2018  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone**

*(Please note that this is a provisional Timetable only and should not be taken as indicating the ordering of Presenters within Workshop/Presentation slots)*

### **Day 1**

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

<b>10:15am – 11am</b>	<b>Registration and Workshop Selection</b>
<b>11am – 11:30am</b>	<b>Conference Opening; David Durney (Chair SCI) Minister Finian McGrath</b>
<b>11:30am – 1pm</b>	<b>Parallel Presentations/Workshops</b>

#### **Workshops**

- Marginalised children in Ireland: Addressing their Needs using an Asset-based Approach - *Dr Michal Molcho and Lhara Mullins*
- Transgender Awareness- *Vanessa Lacey*
- Introduction to Working with your Abilities and Strengths through Focusing - *Derek McDonnell*

#### **Research Presentations**

- Able to Practice? Graduates’ Expectations & Experiences of Social Care Work- *Dr Fiona Mc Sweeney and Dr David Williams*
- Disentangling Personal Biography from Professional Role: A Source of Professional Strength - *Lillian Byrne-Lancaster*
- The Collective Abilities and Strengths of Social Care Workers in Diverse Settings - *Dr Denise Lyons*
- Progressing the Pracademic Partnership - Sharing the Blueprints in Contemporary Social Care Practice Education - *Aoife Prendergast*.
- Social Care Education and Practice Placements: The Perspectives of Placement Supervisors and College Tutors- *Francis Gahan*
- William Shakespeare, ‘The Tempest’: An Exploration of Identity through Participatory Arts Practice ( a collaborative arts project between DkIT Social Care and RehabCare Dundalk) - *Louisa Goss and Sharon McArdle*

#### **Practice Presentation**

- Home Sharing- a Strengths-based Approach to Care Provision within the Intellectual Disability Sector - *Hazel Gough*
- Equine Therapies are a Growing Intervention throughout the World in a Variety of Social Care Settings - *Trish Dooley*

1pm - 2pm	Lunch
2pm – 2:45pm	Keynote; ASIAm - Adam Harris
2:45pm-3:30pm	Keynote; 'No Limbs No Limits' - Joanne O'Riordan
3:30pm – 4pm	Tea/Coffee Break
4pm- 4:30pm	HIQA- Feedback on National Standards for Children's Residential Centres- <i>Deidre Connolly</i>
4:30pm-5:30pm	Update on Violence in the Workplace - <i>Noel Howard</i> Panel Discussion – Reflecting on working with Strengths and Abilities - <i>Deidre Connolly (HIQA), Adam Harris, Joanne O'Riordan and Toby Haslam- Hopwood</i>
7:30pm	Gala Dinner

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## Day 2

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

10am-10:30am	Conference Opening
10:30am – 12pm	Parallel Presentations/Workshops

#### Workshop

- Data Protection- *Laura Flannery*
- Self-Care: A Resource for Everyday Living - *Ger McHugh*

#### Research Presentation - Postgraduates

- Risk as Perceived and Experienced in Social Care – *Jaroslava Velartova*
- An Exploration of the Strengths & Abilities of Adults and Children in Urban Band 1 DEIS Primary Schools - *Jenny Fahy*
- An Exploration of the Implementation of Servant Leadership in Crosscare: An Irish Non-profit - *Daryl Mahon*
- Changing Discourse in Social Care - *Debbie Vaughan*
- Asynchronous Online Discussion as Assessment in Social Care Supervised Professional Practice - *Karolyn McDonnell*
- To what extent is practice placement a useful learning approach in preparing a social care student for frontline practice? A study of a social care education in the mid-west of Ireland - *Siobhan O Leary*

#### Research presentation

Registration Awareness Study- *Dr Martin Power and Patricia D'Arcy*  
CORU Representatives will be attending and a lively discussion is anticipated

#### Practice Presentation

- Pathological Demand Avoidance: New Approaches for a new Autism - *Sinead Curran*
- The Social Care Professional as Accomplice in the Era of Assisted Decision-making - *Moira Jenkins*

12pm – 1pm	Lunch
1pm – 2pm	Keynote: Building upon a Secure Base: Supporting Children to Develop Strengths and Abilities through Interests and Activities - <i>Toby Haslam-Hopwood, Senior Clinical Psychologist</i>
2pm-2:30pm	Coffee
2:30pm – 4pm	Parallel Presentations/Workshops

#### Workshop

- The Importance of Effective Teamwork - *Brian Hogan and Trish McDonnell*
- Marte Meo: A Video- based Intervention to enhance Supportive Interaction between Children and their Carers - *Eithne Beirne*
- Do we work with “Strengths” in the Preparation for Aftercare? - *Charlotte Armstrong*

#### Policy/Practice Presentations

- Mid-West Hepatitis C Network: Peer and Interagency Support Initiatives – *Billie, Sínead Carey, and Susan O'Connor*
- Novas: TOPPLE Overdose Prevention and Response Programme: Utilising Peer Knowledge, Skills and Experience to Improve Outcomes for Homeless Opioid Users - *Sinéad Carey, Ger Lynch and Mary Dillon*

#### Research presentation

- Having the Cup of Tea: The Power of Positive Relationships in Homecare for Older People - *Lhara Mullins*
- Implementing Evidence-Based Adolescent and Family Addiction Treatment in Community-Based Practice Settings - *Robert O Driscoll*

4pm - 4:15pm	Post Grad award and Conference close. Main hall
4:30pm	SCI AGM

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## Keynote Presenters

### Minister Finian McGrath TD

Minister of State attending Government and Minister of State at the Departments of Social Protection, Justice & Equality and Health with special responsibility for Disabilities. Appointed Minister of State on 6th May 2016.

The Minister is accountable for developing and articulating Government Policy on improving the lives of people with disabilities and their carers through three Government Departments; Health, Social Protection and Justice & Equality. The Minister will also be focusing on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as well as their Equality of Opportunity, Access to Early Childhood Care and Educational needs.

### Adam Harris - AslAm

Adam is a 23-year-old Social Entrepreneur, Autism advocate and Founder-CEO of [www.AsIAM.ie](http://www.AsIAM.ie). His organisation is committed to building a more Autism-friendly society in Ireland. Adam established AsIAM.ie based on his own experiences of growing up with Asperger's Syndrome, a condition on the Autism Spectrum. Today Adam addresses Autism issues in the media and at conferences, nationally and internationally. A Social Entrepreneur's Ireland Awardee, Adam also sits on the Board of Specialisterne Ireland and the NCSE Consultative Forum.

### Toby Haslam-Hopwood, PsyD, Senior Clinical Psychologist.

Toby who is originally from the United Kingdom completed his professional training at the University of Denver, Colorado, USA, where he was awarded a Master of Arts and a Doctorate of Psychology. After an internship at Rochester School of Medicine, New York, he was awarded a two-year Clinical Fellowship at the Karl Menninger School of Psychiatry, Kansas, after which he joined the Menninger Clinic as a staff member. He came to Ireland in 2008 to take a position working in Residential Childcare in the Mid-West, and his position transferred over to ACTS upon its inception. In his spare time, Toby runs The Galtee Clinic which is a project exploring the applicability of Social Pedagogy to Residential Childcare within the Irish context.

### Joanne O'Riordan

Joanne is a Criminology Student in UCC. She is only one of seven people in the world living with a rare physical disability known as Total Amelia; this means she was born without all four limbs and even though there is no medical explanation as to why this happened, Joanne or indeed her family has never allowed it to hold her back. She has used technology to enhance her abilities in both her education and through the wider social environment. She has conquered enormous challenges at home, in school and around her local community. Joanne adapted her life in such a way that it has given her both national and international acclaim. Joanne is now an example to all able-bodied and disabled bodies to live very happy, independent, fulfilled lives. Joanne has challenged the most advanced minds in the world to build her a robot that would become her hands and legs. The challenges she faces every day get bigger and far greater to overcome. Joanne is an inspiration to others.