

IRISH AFTERCARE NETWORK

Providing Support to People Working With Care Leavers

Annual Conference

Friday 7th 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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9.00am-9.30am	Registration
9.30am-9.40am	Welcome <i>Ciaran Kenny – Chairperson, Irish Aftercare Network</i> Conference MC <i>Jerry Grogan- The Voice of Croke Park</i>
9.40am-10.00am	Opening Address <i>Minister Roderic O’Gorman - Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth</i>
10.00am-10.30am	Young people’s stories of their journey through aftercare David Kelly Thomas Mongan Kye Brax Noble
10.30am-11.00am	“A home is a human right for those leaving care” <i>Dr Rory Hearn, -Assistant Professor in Social Policy, Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University</i>
11.00am-11.30am	Tea/Coffee/Networking
11.30am-12.30pm	“A Life Worth Living” <i>Bronagh Starrs– Founder & Director of Blackfort Adolescent Gestalt Institute and Programme Director for the MSc Adolescent Psychotherapy in Dublin Counselling & 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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