



*The Child and Family Research and Policy Unit
wish to formally invite you to the launch of the*

Child and Family Welfare Network

In the Aula Maxima, National University of Ireland, Galway

On Thursday 17th November 2005

At 5.30 p.m.

Key Note Speaker: Mr. Gordon Jack, Principal Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Plymouth and Leader of the post-qualifying Peninsula Child Care Award Programme.

Thematic paper: Social Capital in the context of child welfare and community as a support to families.

Wine reception will follow

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Before 4th November

Please see more detail on the back.

Child and Family Welfare Network

Within the wider context of child welfare Family Support is emerging both nationally and internationally as a significant resource in helping children and families overcome adversity. Specifically, family support practice is viewed as an ally in improving the welfare of children and particularly so in respect of those experiencing most adversity. This new child and family welfare network will enable and enhance this development by providing an opportunity for service managers, practitioners and academics to exchange and develop theory and skills in relation to working with and for children and families. This initiative is a triad collaboration between the Child and Family Research and Policy Unit based in NUI, Galway, the Children's Research Centre at Trinity College, Dublin and the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work at Queens University, Belfast. The initiative is also being developed in collaboration with the International Initiative Ireland (Family Support Agency).

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Keynote Speaker: Mr. Gordon Jack

Gordon Jack is Principal Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Plymouth and Leader of the post-qualifying Peninsula Child Care Award Programme. He was previously Head of Social Work at the University of Exeter, where he had been working since 1991. Gordon also has extensive experience in child care practice and management, having worked in three local authority social services departments in the North of England between 1975 and 1991. He has researched and published widely on the ecological approach to social work with children and families, focusing in particular on the influence of disadvantage and inequality on the welfare of children and the functioning of families and communities. He is co-author, with Owen Gill, of *The Missing Side of the Triangle: Assessing the importance of wider family and environmental factors in the lives of children*, published by Barnardos in 2003.

The launch will take place on November 17th @ 5.30pm in The Aula Maxima, NUI, Galway.



**Invitation to
Child and Family Welfare Network Event - Galway**

*The Child & Family Research & Policy Unit wish to invite you
to its second Child and Family Welfare Network event*

On

Wednesday 21st June 2006 at 5.30 p.m.

In

Aula Maxima, National University of Ireland, Galway

**Ms Emily Logan, Ombudsman for Children, will deliver a keynote
speech on Children's Participation.**

An informal reception will follow

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Before 14th June 2006

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Invitation to
***“The Evidence Base for Social Support Networks as a Way
of Helping Children and Families in Need”***

Evening Seminar - Galway

The Child & Family Research & Policy Unit wish to invite you to its 3rd Child and Family Welfare Network event. This seminar is organised in conjunction with the newly established Research and Evaluation Consortium for Children and Youth (RECCY) and the event is supported by The Atlantic Philanthropies Ireland.

On

Tuesday 5th December 2006 at 6.00 p.m.

In

***Siobhan McKenna Theatre, Millennium Building
National University of Ireland, Galway***

Professor Carolyn Cutrona, who is the Director of the Institute for Social and Behavioural Research, at Iowa State University, and who has researched and published worldwide on social support, will deliver a key note speech entitled “The Evidence base for Social Support Networks as a way of Helping Children and Families in Need”.

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Please circulate this notice to anyone whom you think might be interested in attending. If you wish to be kept informed regarding future network events, please send email.



*The Child and Family Research Centre
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Child and Family Welfare Network Event

In the Aula Maxima, National University of Ireland, Galway

On Wednesday 21st November

5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Key Note Speaker:

Ms Sylva Langford, Director, Office of the Minister for Children
The role of the OMC and National Policy Development

**Mr Jim Breslin, Assistant National Director, (Children, Youth, Family, Palliative
Care & Chronic Illness), PCCC, HSE.**
National Implementation of Policy

Practitioner Response:

Mr Liam White, Children's Act Services Manager, HSE West
Implications of Policy Development for Practice

**In collaboration with Research and Evaluation Consortium for Children and
Youth (RECCY)**

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Child and Family Welfare Network Event

*In Lecture Hall 1, St Anthony's College (beside Friars restaurant), National
University of Ireland, Galway*

On Monday April 14th 2008

6.00p.m.- 7.30 p.m.

**Key Note Speaker:
Dr. Deborah Ghate**

*Dr. Ghate is Principal Research Officer at the Thomas Coram Research Unit,
Institute of Education, University of London. Her recent work has included a
national evaluation of services for parents provided through the youth justice
system, research on how fathers use family support services, a major review of the
international research evidence on 'what works' in parenting support, and a
number of evaluations of community-based initiatives supporting parents and
children in high need communities.*

**In collaboration with Research and Evaluation Consortium for Children and
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*The Child and Family Research Centre
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Child and Family Welfare Network Event

In Aras Moyola, National University of Ireland, Galway

On Tuesday 18th November

6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Key Note Speaker:

Professor Brid Featherstone

Engaging Fathers: Policy and Practice Issues

Practitioner Response:

Deirdre Hillary

Time 4 Us

**In collaboration with Research and Evaluation Consortium for Children and
Youth (RECCY)**

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INITIAL NOTICE

The Child and Family Research Centre wish to formally invite you to the eight

Child and Family Welfare Network Event

In Aras Moyola, National University of Ireland, Galway

On Wednesday 11th March 2009

6.00p.m.- 7.30 p.m.

**Key Note Speaker:
Professor Mike Stein**

Research Professor, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York

Resilience and young people leaving care: messages from research

For the past 25 years Professor Stein has been researching the problems and challenges faced by young people leaving substitute care (foster and residential care) and, recently, the experiences of children and young people living on the streets, running away from care and vulnerable adolescents. He was involved in the preparation of the Leaving Care Guidance for the Children Act 1989 and the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 as well as training materials for both Acts. He has been consulted by government, local authorities and voluntary organisations on the development of leaving care services nationally and internationally. He is currently involved in the development of an international network of leaving care researchers.

Professor Stein is Academic Advisor to the Department of Health's Quality Protects research initiative.

In collaboration with Research and Evaluation Consortium for Children and Youth (RECCY)

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8th Child and Family Welfare Network Event

Aras Moyola, National University of Ireland, Galway

On Tuesday November 24th 2009

6.00p.m.- 7.30 p.m.

**Key Note Speaker:
Chief Inspector Kathleen O'Toole,**

Youth Justice - Prevention and Intervention

**Practitioner Response:
Community Garda Ciara Moran**

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Preceded by

Masters in Social Work Programme Forum, School of Political Science and Sociology,
NUI, Galway

INSPIRATION FOR PRACTICE
4.00pm to 6.00pm

Speakers: Ms Nora Gibbons, Director Barnardos Childrens Services, Prof. Brid Featherstone,
Prof. Social Work, Bradford University, England.

Lecture Room 3, First Floor, Aras Moyola, NUI, Galway
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9th Child and Family Welfare Network Event

in association with the MA in Social Work programme

Aras Moyola, National University of Ireland, Galway

On Tuesday 7th December 2010

6.00p.m.- 7.30 p.m.

Key Note Speaker:

Professor Nigel Parton
NSPCC Professor in Applied Childhood Studies

Reforming Child Protection

Practitioner Response:

Colette McLoughlin, Child Care Manager, HSE Dublin South West

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Child and Family Welfare Network Event
in association with the M.A. in Family Support Studies

Wednesday, 5th December 2012
6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.
Aras Moyola, National University of Ireland, Galway

Key Note Speaker:
Dr. John Coleman
Senior Research Fellow, University of Oxford
Working with Adolescents

Practitioner Response:
Sue Redmond
Best Practice Unit Manager, Foróige

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11th Child and Family Welfare Network Event

***in association with the M.A. in Social Work
Programme***

**Tuesday, 24th September 2013
6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.**

**MY 243, Aras Moyola, National University of Ireland,
Galway**

Key Note Speaker

**Professor Stan Houston
School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work,
Queens University Belfast**

**‘Building Resilience through Action Research: An
example from a Children’s Home’**

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UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre
12th Child and Family Welfare Network Event

*in association with the M.A. in Social Work
Programme*

Wednesday, 19th November 2014

6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Institute for Lifecourse and Society Building, National
University of Ireland, Galway

Key Note Speaker:

Dr Philip Gillingham, University of Queensland

*‘A participatory approach to designing information
systems to support practice with children and
families’*

[Register for this free event](#)

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UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre 13th Child and Family Welfare Network Event

When: Wednesday, December 2nd

What Time: 6pm - 7:15pm

Where: Room G006,
Institute for Lifecourse & Society, NUI Galway

**Key Note Speaker
Professor Mirja Satka**

Department of Social Research , University of Helsinki

“Knowledge and know-how for preventing over-generational social problems for families with children: A Partnership Approach.

Registration is free!!

Book your place now as spaces are limited :

<http://tinyurl.com/UCFRC-13th-Network-event>

The event will be followed by an evening reception



Speaker Profile: Professor Mirja Satka



Professor Mirja Satka is a Professor of Social Work Practice Research at the University of Helsinki in Finland. As part of her role within the University of Helsinki, she supervises the pedagogical activities and practice research projects at the Heikki Waris Institute, http://www.socca.fi/in_english/heikki_waris_institute. The Institute brings members from the Department of Social Research at the University of Helsinki, universities of applied sciences in the field, social work units in the metropolitan area and the third sector together to collaborate on research and education relating to urban social work. Professor Satka acts as an expert in social work practice research in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area. Her main research interests include university pedagogy, childhood and child protection research, generational relations and history of social work. For more information . please see: <http://helsinki.academia.edu/mirjasatka>

“Knowledge and know-how for preventing over-generational social problems for families with children: A Partnership Approach”

Professor Satka’s lecture for this network event will report on a project in Finland involving the University of Helsinki and the local municipalities (authorities) who are working in partnership to understand ‘over-generational’ social problems for families with children. Similar to Ireland, Finland has been suffering from economic recession over the last decade. Social services for families have become more marginalized since the 1990s. Social Practitioners on the front line are seeing how social problems such as unemployment are transferring from one generation to the next increasingly. The municipalities and the university in the Helsinki region have a joint project aimed at improving knowledge and know-how regarding how practitioners can intervene into this kind of very complex and tricky phenomena through social service interventions. The project is ongoing and Mirja will describe what has happened so far and what learning we can gain from this with regard to developing strategies to prevent social problems persisting over generations for certain children and families in society.

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14th Child and Family Welfare Network Event

*in association with the M.A. in Social Work
Programme*

Wednesday, 10th February 2016

1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

G008, Institute for Lifecourse and Society Building,
National University of Ireland, Galway

Key Note Speaker:

Prof Linda Liebenberg, Dalhousie University

***‘Participatory methods and community development
as an extension of service provision drawing on
methods and findings related to the Spaces and
Places study’***

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