

# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

*Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disability*

## ***Risky Business?***

### ***Supporting People in a Natural Way***

***Wednesday, 29th September 2010***

***Tullamore Court Hotel 10am – 4pm***

Risk has played, and continues to play, an important role in shaping policies and services for people with intellectual disability. People with intellectual disability are generally regarded as being an 'at risk' group and many current policy and research publications highlight the very real risks to them in terms of poor treatment by others, lack of available opportunities, poor physical & mental health and social well-being. However, international research and key policy documents are beginning to adopt a different tone and focus in relation to risk, stressing instead the need for risk management and positive risk taking, (e.g., O'Brien, O'Brien, & Schwartz, 2004; National Federation of Voluntary Bodies Vision Statement 2009). The fact remains that taking risks can take us outside our comfort zone and perhaps even be stressful.

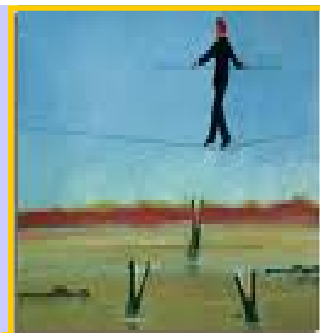
The National Federation of Voluntary Bodies invites you to the third in our Master Class series...***Risky Business? Supporting People in a Natural Way***

Questions will focus on how we can develop our understanding of how services respond to the potential stresses of positive risk taking and how this might influence their ability to maintain and develop long term successful positive risk taking practices.

As espoused in the National Federation Vision Statement 2009: *"There is a need to scope and define the concepts of **duty of care** and extended duty of care as they apply to the funder and service provider. How can service providers integrate paid direct support and "natural networks of support" or "freely given" support and still keep people 'safe' ?"*

In addition, there is a risk of 'health & safety' requirements acting as a barrier to inclusion and citizenship. The scope of rules and regulations in supporting true citizenship and inclusion needs to be addressed.

Come and explore these issues with us. Find out what some organisations are doing in the struggle to get the balance right. We will explore the challenges inherent in supporting people naturally in their communities, the risks for organisations but most of all the opportunities for people that can arise from taking these risks!



## **PROGRAMME**

10.30am – 11.00am	Brian O' Donnell & John O'Dea - Welcome & Introductions
11.00am – 11.30am	Jonathan Irwin, Jack & Jill Foundation - Supporting children and their families who have life threatening illnesses. The risk of staying at home
11.30am – 12.00pm	Joe Mason - Walkinstown Association
12.00pm – 12.30pm	Anne Coffey, KARE - Keeping people safe vs giving people lives in their community
12.30pm – 1.00pm	<u>Question for tables to discuss &amp; feedback</u> What would you like to do that you are not yet doing to support people who avail of your services?
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Willie Walsh - A parents perspective on Risk
2.30pm – 3.00pm	COPE Foundation
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Barrister-at-law - What does the law tell us to do?
3.30pm -4.00pm	<u>Question for tables to discuss and feedback</u> What would it take to achieve this?



**€50 per person (includes lunch)**

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