

Challenging Times: Ensuring values support ordinary lives

Exploring Family and Person Centered approaches

Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
Thursday 23rd June 2011

Programme

- 8.30 am Registration & Tea/Coffee
- 9.30 am *Chairperson:*
Bairbre NicAongusa, Director, Office for Disability & Mental Health
- Welcome & Introductions*
Christy Lynch, Chairperson National Federation of Voluntary Bodies
- 9.50 am *Supporting Citizenship – The Future of Services for Persons with Disabilities in Ireland: Some Reflections on the Impact of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities’*
Professor Gerard Quinn, Centre for Disability Law and Policy NUI Galway
- 10.10 am *Family-Centered Practices in Early Childhood Intervention: Why or Why Not?*
Dr Carl Dunst - Orelena Hawks Puckett Institute, Asheville, North Carolina
- 10.40 am *What supports good lives in community?*
Dr. John O’Brien – The Center on Human Policy, Law & Disability, Syracuse University
- 11.10am *Questions & Answers*
- 11.20am *Tea/Coffee*

Child & Family Stream		Adult Stream	
Chairperson: Breda Crehan-Roche		Chairperson: Anne Melly,	
Rapporteur: Madeline Clarke		Rapporteur: Prof. Gerard Quinn	
Commentator: Dr Carl Dunst		Commentator: Dr. John O Brien	
11.40	Family Voices Frieda Finlay <i>Stories that make us stronger</i> Rachel Cassen	11.40am	<i>Genio Funded Project "Ordinary Lives" A shared services approach to supporting ordinary lives in the community - The starting point</i> Francis Coughlan & Joe Mason.
12.05pm	Role of Family-Centered Practices in Child-Focused Intervention. Dr. Carl Dunst	12.00	<i>The Shared Charter of Values & Principles</i> Fran Simpson
		12.20	<i>Example of services that support the shared charter of values and principles</i> Members of the Genio Project
12.40	Parents in Partnership Carol Cuffe	12.45	Discussion Dr. John O' Brien
1pm	<i>Lunch</i>	1pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2pm	<i>Family Focus – A Parent's and Service Provider's Perspective</i> Norah Johnston and Mary Rowan	2pm	<i>Application of the shared values and principles that will influence and change policy plus Next Steps</i> Dermot Rush
2.20pm	<i>Role of Formal and Informal Supports in Early Childhood Intervention</i> Dr. Carl Dunst	2.20pm	<i>Building the foundations for good support</i> Dr. John O'Brien

3.15pm *Tea/Coffee*

3.35pm **Chairperson: Siobhan Barron, National Disability Authority**
Feedback from Rapporteurs Madeline Clarke and Prof. Gerard Quinn

Panel Discussion

4.20pm *Closing Comments*
Brian O' Donnell, CEO , National Federation of Voluntary Bodies

4.30 Close

Genio Local Community Services (Ordinary Lives) Project:

The Ordinary Lives Project was initiated when a group of local community services came together at the beginning of 2010 to consider ways of working more closely together and learning from each other. They agreed that the first requirement was to agree common service values and principles. They made a proposal to the Genio Trust for a facilitator to assist in this first step. They also undertook to start exploring various strategies for working together for mutual benefit; strategies that would result in sharing of expertise, or reduced costs, or better outcomes for the people supported. Thirteen service providers signed up to the project which began in October 2010. The organisations were spread from Waterford to Drogheda and were all Section 39 agencies. The culmination of the project is the sharing of the Charter of Shared Values and Principles and the outlining of agreed areas for mutual cooperation **to support ordinary lives**.

Biographies - Keynote Speakers:

Carl Dunst, Ph.D. is Research Scientist, Orelena Hawks Puckett Institute, Asheville, NC. His background is in both early childhood—special education and developmental psychology. He has been involved in research and practice in early intervention for 35 years. His interests include the characteristics of capacity-building early childhood intervention and the manner in which parents are involved in intervention positively affecting parenting confidence and competence. He was an Investigator on the Early Childhood Follow Through Institute where he and his colleague Carol Trivette implemented family-centered practices in elementary schools. More recently he has completed several research studies of family-centered practices research.

John O' Brien learns about building more just and inclusive communities from people with disabilities, their families, and their allies. He uses what he learns to advise people with disabilities and their families, advocacy groups, service providers, and governments and to spread the news among people interested in change by writing and through workshops. He works in partnership with Connie Lyle O'Brien and a group of friends from 12 countries. He is a member of The Center on Human Policy, Law & Disability, Syracuse University (US) and a Fellow of the Centre for Welfare Reform (UK) and is associated with in-Control Partnerships (UK), and the Marsha Forest Centre: (Canada).

Professor Gerard Quinn is the Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the NUI Galway School of Law. Called to the Irish Bar in 1983, he holds a masters (LL.M.) and doctorate in law (S.J.D.) from Harvard Law School. His specialization is international and comparative disability law and policy. He is a member of the Irish Human Rights Commission and helps co-ordinate the work of National Human Rights Institutions worldwide on disability issues. He led the delegation of Rehabilitation International (RI) during the UN Working Group that elaborated the basis for the new Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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