

Responding to Domestic Violence & Abuse in Ireland, North & South

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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| 8.45am – 9.30am | Registration tea & coffee |
| 9.30am – 9.45am | Welcome & introductions—Vivian Geiran, Chair, IASW |
| 9.45am – 10.05am | Opening Remarks—Helen McEntee TD, Minister for Justice, & Naomi Long MLA, Minister of Justice |
| 10.05am – 10.35am | <i>Challenging the professional with the personal</i> —Marcella Leonard MBE, Independent Social Worker |
| 10.35am – 11.05am | <i>Responding to Domestic Violence and Abuse: Contexts, Complexities & [Re] Emerging Debates</i> —Professor Stephanie Holt, Head of School of Social Work & Social Policy Trinity College Dublin |
| 11.05am – 11.15am | Reflections on the morning—Aine Morrison, Chief Social Worker NI |
| 11.15am – 11.40am | Coffee break |
| 11.45am – 12.45pm | Parallel session one |
| 12.45pm – 1.55pm | Lunch |
| 1.55pm – 2.30pm | <i>Illuminate the past to make the future safer</i> —Frank Mullane MBE, CEO, Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse |
| 2.30pm – 3.30pm | Parallel session two |
| 3.30pm – 4.00pm | Q&A with the keynote speakers |
| 4.00pm – 4.15pm | Reflections & issues for action—Orlaith McGibbon, Chair, BASW NI |
| 4.15pm | Close |

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Stephanie Holt is Professor in Social Work and Head of School in the School of Social Work & Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin. Stephanie's research expertise is on domestic violence, with a particular emphasis on the impact of domestic violence on children and young people, and on engaging children in research with the objective of informing best practice. Unique to her academic career is her earlier professional social work practice (1990-2000), commencing in residential care with adolescents in Northern Ireland and spanning child protection and family support. Across all of these fields of practice, domestic violence was a consistent issue.

Marcella Leonard MBE is Director of Leonard Consultancy and an international expert in assessment and therapy in the fields of sexual violence and domestic abuse. Marcella co-ordinated the management of sex and violent offenders in Northern Ireland (NI) and has worked with several jurisdictions to establish their statutory management of sex and domestic / violent offenders.

Marcella recently led the review of MARAC in NI and is a panel member of the NI Historical Institutional Abuse Redress. She is co-author of the AIM3 Adolescent Model of Assessment with Professor Simon Hackett and the CASP-R Ability to Protect and Supervise – Risk assessment model with Gareth McGibbon.



Frank Mullane MBE is the CEO of Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse, a centre of excellence for reviews after domestic homicide and for specialist advocacy and peer support. He helped ensure Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) became law and continues to enhance the methodology.

Frank is a Home Office appointed reader of DHRs and has assessed c.1200 of these reviews. He is an accredited Chair for DHRs and trains others to undertake them.

He developed a unique model for helping families to be integral to reviews after domestic homicide and is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Gloucestershire.

Frank's sister Julia and nephew William Pemberton were murdered in 2003.

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Working with children (Blackrock Suite 3)

Speakers: Aine Costello, National Coordinator for the Barnardos Ireland Childhood Domestic Violence & Abuse Project & Erin Jobb, Safeguarding Manager, Barnardos NI

Adult safeguarding (Blackrock Suite 1)

Speakers: Dr Lorna Montgomery, Reader in Social Work, Queen's University Belfast & Amanda Casey, Principal Social Worker, Adult Safeguarding & Assisted Decision Making, Ireland East Hospital Group

Working with people who use abusive / violent behaviour (Carlingford Suite 2)

Speakers: Dr Declan Coogan, Lecturer in Social Work and Research Fellow with the UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre, University of Galway & Ruth McKelvey, Area Manager, Probation Board for Northern Ireland

Women affected by violence (Carlingford Suite 1)

Speakers: Sonya McMullan, Regional Services Manager & Grainne McHugh, See Hear Act Regional Champion, Women's Aid Federation NI, & Lavina Temple, Signs of Safety Lead, Tusla

Collaborative practice (Blackrock Suite 2)

Speakers: CEO, Cuan, Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Agency, James Draper, Designated Officer for Child Protection Support Service, Education Authority & Sergeant Ryan Duffy, Police Service of Northern Ireland

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parallel sessions

