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Please find some information below which may be of interest to you.

Yours sincerely

The IACP Team

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## **Call for Speakers for the 2015 IACP Annual Conference: “Improving Therapeutic Relationships”**

**Venue:** Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin

**Date:** Friday 16 October and Saturday 17 October 2015

The IACP is currently accepting applications for dynamic Plenary and Break-Out Session speakers for this years’ event.

The theme of the conference is “Improving Therapeutic Relationships” and your presentation proposal should reflect this. The IACP Annual Conference is a platform for dialogue, education and networking between counselling / psychotherapy professionals who demonstrate dedication to making a difference on a local, regional, national or international level.

By participating as a speaker, you have the opportunity to educate and enlighten participants in your area of expertise, share your story, share insights and evidence about your work and the lessons learned, with a diverse and engaged audience. Your presentation session will last 50 minutes in total, including adequate time for questions.

To apply to speak at the inaugural 2015 IACP Annual Conference, please email your proposal by **Friday 8 May 2015** to Clare Kavanagh [clare@iacp.ie](mailto:clare@iacp.ie)

Only email submissions will be considered.

**Your proposal should include:**

- A short biography (300 words or less)
- Proposed presentation title

- Proposed presentation topic area
- Brief description of presentation (500 words or less)
- If/where you have previously presented on your topic or a similar topic

Please note that completing this application does not guarantee a speaking engagement at the IACP Annual Conference. All speaker applications will be reviewed by the IACP Conference Committee.

### **What We Are Looking For:**

- **Tactics, Skills and Takeaways**  
Keep in mind that our attendees are looking for tangible information that they can implement in their professional lives
- **Fresh and Innovative Perspectives**  
We are keen to present fresh and unique content at the IACP Annual Conference. It is important for our conference to offer educational presentations that are geared towards our diverse professional membership in IACP. Please don't submit presentations that have already been used.
- **Hot Topics and New Takes on an Existing Topics**  
Therapeutic issues and topics are constantly changing and evolving – we want to ensure that the IACP Annual Conference agenda will feature the hottest topics. Submitting a new topic idea or a new take on an existing topic is preferable.
- **Videos of Previous Presentations**  
Please provide a video link in your submission of a previous presentation you have done. It will aide your proposal in the selection process. If you do not have a link, don't worry, your proposal will still be considered.
- **Don't Pitch Products or Services**  
Attendees come to the IACP Annual Conference to hear unbiased presentations and we do not tolerate pitches for any kind of products and services in our sessions. Please keep your submission and presentation focused purely on education. Being a speaker at the IACP Annual Conference and showcasing your expertise on the subject you are presenting is truly the best advertisement for you and your business.
- **Bio and Abstract Formats**  
When filling out the submission form, please write your bio and abstract in the **Third Person**, as it would be listed on our website.

### **Benefits of Speaking at the Conference**

- Widen your reputation as an expert in the field
- Strengthen your reputation as a leader in your area of expertise
- Gain exposure in the professional counselling / psychotherapy community
- Have your biography and website posted to the IACP Annual Conference section of the IACP website
- Have your photo and biography printed in the conference program
- Be included in the IACP Annual Conference Press Releases and Advertising

- Book sales and signage opportunity at the conference
- Premier seating at lunch; as well as opening and closing sessions
- Watch other speakers
- Networking opportunities

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **Speaker Responsibilities**

By submitting the speaker proposal form, you agree to the following speaker requirements and restrictions:

#### **Vendor-neutral content:**

Your presentation may contain no “sales pitches” or sales-oriented material. Although positive exposure is generally a natural side-effect of presenting, your session must contain content that the audience may benefit from without necessarily buying any particular product or service. Speakers will have an opportunity to have a vendor table available to them, or an opportunity to sell their published materials and/or participate at the conference book signing.

#### **Speakers will receive:**

- Free entry to the conference on both days
- Complimentary place at the Gala Dinner on the Friday night

#### **Speaker Cancellation:**

You certify that you have the means and opportunity to attend and present at the IACP Annual Conference, and that you have attained any pertinent authorisation, such as that of your employer, prior to submitting the speaker submission form.

#### **Contract:**

Upon acceptance, the speaker will be required to explicitly agree to these provisions via the IACP Annual Conference Speaker Agreement.

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## **IACP Position Paper**

Please find a link below to the updated IACP position paper on Statutory Regulation.

In summary, the position paper highlights:

- IACP strongly welcomes government and ministerial commitment to introduce statutory regulation of counselling/psychotherapy.
- IACP, as an Association, does not distinguish between counselling/psychotherapy.
- IACP, recognises that no empirical evidence of client outcomes supports differentiation between counselling/psychotherapy.

- IACP recommends that counselling/psychotherapy should be regulated, by the State, with the same baseline academic and practice qualifications.
- IACP recommends that level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) should serve as a minimum baseline academic qualification for counselling/psychotherapy.
- There are other important considerations for the profession, as a whole, to work on relating to statutory regulation.

If you have any comments or suggestions relating to this the content of the position paper please email [liz@iacp.ie](mailto:liz@iacp.ie)

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## **Wexford Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Service (WR&SASS): Counsellor Vacancies**

- 1. Counsellor Vacancies (Wexford and County)**
- 2. Polish speaking Counsellor Vacancy (Wexford and County)**

WR&SASS is a service offering counselling to both men and women and young people aged 16 and over who have experienced, rape, sexual assault, past childhood sexual abuse or any kind of sexual trauma in their lives. In addition we offer support counselling to a partner, family member or friend who is supporting the person who has been abused.

- 1. Counsellor Vacancies:** We invite applications from qualified accredited counsellors to provide individual counselling services specifically to support victims of past childhood sexual abuse, sexual assault, rape or any kind of sexual trauma in their lives. Hours offered as and when the need arises.
- 2. Polish speaking Counsellor Vacancy:** As per counsellor vacancy to provide counselling services to Polish speaking clients. Hours offered as and when the need arises.

### **Candidates must possess:**

- An accredited qualification in counselling/psychotherapy recognised by the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy or a relevant body.
- A minimum of 2 years post-qualification experience.
- Experience of working with survivors of sexual abuse.
- A flexible approach and an ability to handle a varied workload.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work well under own initiative.
- (For the Polish speaking counsellor post the candidate must be fluent in Polish and English).

### **Other Requirements:**

- Candidates must have sufficient public liability and professional indemnity insurance in place.
- Up-to-date Tax Clearance Certificate for self-employed status. A panel will be created to offer hours as and when the needs arises.

**To Apply:** Please send a letter of application, together with a CV and the names of two referees to [clare@wexfordrapecrisis.com](mailto:clare@wexfordrapecrisis.com) or contact Clare Williams on 053 91 22722.

**Deadline:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm.

Charity No. CHY 12420

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## **SOS Wellness Workshop – Stillorgan, Co Dublin**

SOS in partnership with **St John of God Hospital** is delighted to be hosting a Wellness Workshop on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** in **St John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co Dublin**.

This is a full day workshop running from 9.30am – 4.30pm with a light lunch included.

If you or anyone you know would like to attend please contact Lisa or Jacqui on 1890 577 577 to book your **FREE** place.

**\* Please note that we can only take bookings by telephone.\***

We would greatly appreciate it you could print the attached poster and put it up on any community noticeboard or include it in any community newsletter if applicable. Similarly, please feel free to forward this email to your friends/family/colleagues/contacts – the Wellness Workshop is for anybody and everybody!

Please see below and attached a brief outline of the Workshop:

**The Wellness Workshop** is a one day workshop that aims to help people understand and take responsibility for their own mental health. SOS is currently running a series of workshops throughout the country which are being offered free of charge to participants, thanks to our wonderful funders the National Office of Suicide Prevention, our Donors and our Fundraisers.

Our facilitators come from very diverse backgrounds including clinical psychology, motivational speakers, lived life experiences and trained therapists. They combine personal testimony with practical tools and tips that you can use in your everyday life to improve your own wellness.

Throughout the day the workshop will look at our thinking process, the wellness continuum, mindfulness, personality traits, and the wheel of change. This is all done in a very

interactive non-intrusive and fun way. Areas covered on the day include relaxation and stress management, understanding the relationship between thoughts and emotions, developing a wellness toolkit and daily plan.

Website: <http://www.suicideorsurvive.ie/>

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