

Dear Members

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

Yours sincerely

The IACP Team

Please note: if interested in posts or workshops (not being organised by the IACP) please contact those advertisers directly and not the IACP. Thank you.

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<https://www.facebook.com/IACP.CounsellingPsychotherapyIreland>

Minister Leo Varadkar says ‘strange people’ advertising as psychotherapists.

Regulation is coming...

Click the link below to view:

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/oireachtas/varadkar-says-strange-people-advertising-as-psychotherapists-1.2180034>

Accreditation Committee Seeking Volunteers

If you are interested in Volunteering for the Accreditation committee please download and complete the "Volunteering with IACP" form on IACP Website at <http://www.irish-counselling.ie/voluntary-work-psychotherapy-counselling> and return to Liz Gannon at liz@iacp.ie.

The purpose of the Accreditation Committee is to maintain the highest standards of accreditation within IACP, through processing First Time Accreditation and Renewal of Accreditation applications and advising on all matters relating to Accreditation and Renewal of Accreditation.

Please click on the link below to view the IACP Accreditation Committee Terms of Reference:

www.iacp.ie/Accreditation-Committee

Volunteers needed for Supervision Committee

If you are interested in Volunteering for the Supervision Committee please download and fill in the "Volunteering with IACP" form on IACP Website at <http://www.irish-counselling.ie/voluntary-work-psychotherapy-counselling> and return to Liz Gannon at liz@iacp.ie.

1. The purpose of the Supervision Sub-Committee is to assess applications for Supervisor Accreditation and to recommend criteria for Supervisor Accreditation or any other issues pertaining to Supervision.
 2. With the exception of one member (point 3) all members of the Supervision Committee must be Accredited Supervisors of IACP.
 3. A committee place for 1 Accredited member who is not an Accredited Supervisor (to serve one 3 year term only)
 4. A committee place for up to 2 retired Supervisor members (to serve one 3 year term only)
 5. For all other Supervision Committee members, membership shall be for a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 2 consecutive terms (6yrs)
 6. The Committee meet monthly
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Pieta House Prevention of Suicide Workshop - Limerick

Prevention of Suicide or Self-harm. One Day Workshop

Saturday May 16th 2015–10am to 4pm

South Court Hotel Limerick

This Workshop is experiential in nature, addressing the needs of people who are suicidal and engaging in deliberate self-harm. It will build confidence and assurance in responding to such issues as well as addressing the needs of the person responding.

Overview of Workshop:

- Suicide in Ireland Today
- Myths and Facts of Suicide and Self-harm
- If someone tells you that they are suicidal, do you respond or react?
- Where does confidentiality start and end?
- How to spot the signs of suicide and assess the level of risk
- The relationship between self-harm and suicide
- What issues does it raise for you?
- Appropriate and Inappropriate ways to respond to self-harm and suicide and the appropriate language to use.
- How to respond to a suicide in the community
- Information on the support Pieta House will provide and a referral pathway

This Workshop is suitable to Counsellors, Psychologists, Social Care workers and other allied professionals. Certificate provided and qualifies for 5 CPD points (IACP & IAHIP).

Presenter Bio: Cindy O'Connor, involved with Pieta House since it's inception in 2006 holds the position of Chief Operations Officer. Cindy is a Professional Psychotherapist with an MA in Clinical Supervision and a former Clinical Director of Pieta House. With a background in Welfare Rights and having worked as a Therapist for over 13 years in both private practice and with Barnardos, Cindy has extensive experience in supporting a high risk client base. In addition Cindy regularly facilitates training workshops relating to Suicide and Self-Harm.

Cost: €100* including lunch – as places are limited

*Please note a non-refundable deposit of €50 is required.

To book: please contact Pieta House Mid-West on 061- 484444 or by email to marian@pieta.ie

Website: www.pieta.ie

Job Opportunity - ACCORD Dublin are currently recruiting Counsellors

ACCORD Dublin is the agency for Marriage and the Family of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin.

Are you interested in becoming a counsellor with Ireland's leading provider of marriage and relationship counselling?

If you are warm, genuine, flexible, non-judgmental and willing to support and work within the ethos, vision and mission of ACCORD, you are welcome to apply to ACCORD Dublin to be selected to train as a marriage and relationship counsellor.

Applications are invited from qualified and experienced counsellors wishing to train and work as Marriage and Relationship counsellors with ACCORD.

On successful completion of the training programme in Person Centred Couples Counselling and all associated requirements a Higher Certificate in Counselling, Marriage and Relationships, will be awarded by ACCORD.

Training and supervision costs for successful candidates will be funded by ACCORD Dublin. In return successful candidates will be required to fulfil a specific level of voluntary service on an annual basis for a minimum of three years. Over and above the annual voluntary service counsellors may claim remuneration for additional hours. Training will take place in Maynooth at weekends over one academic year from September 2015 to June 2016. The course will involve 2 weekends and 10 days.

On successful completion of the training programme, counsellors will be assigned to work in one of ACCORD Dublin's Marriage and Relationship Counselling Centres.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Monday, 11th May 2015.

Further information can be found at www.accord.ie. **For application forms please contact: Fiona Kearney at fionakearney@dublin.accord.ie .**

Please send your completed application including a copy of your degree or diploma to: Director of Counselling and Supervision, ACCORD Dublin, 39 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.

Charity No: CHY 12420

Website: www.accord.ie

Job Opportunity – United Health Group, Dublin

UnitedHealth Group / Optum located in Dublin 12 are seeking an **EAP Counsellor** to join their busy operations team.

To apply for the position we kindly request that all candidates apply via our online careers page web link;

<http://careers.unitedhealthgroup.com/careers/data/jobs/behavioral/594070-eap-counsellor-dublin-ireland>

EAP Counsellor Dublin Ireland - 594070 for full job description and to make an application.

If you require further information about this opportunity, please email bernie.mcmenamin@uhc.com

Website: <http://www.unitedhealthgroup.com>

SOS Wellness Workshop – Listowel, Co Kerry

SOS in partnership with **Listowel Family Resource Centre** is delighted to be hosting a Wellness Workshop on Suicide in **Listowel FRC, Ballygologue, John B. Keane Road, Listowel, Co. Kerry on Thursday 28th May.**

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.***

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/>

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

http://www.iacp.ie/iacp_position_paper

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