

Dear Members

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

Please note: if interested, you should contact the advertisers of these posts directly and not the IACP. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Call for Volunteers

As part of the on-going campaign to raise awareness of Counselling and Psychotherapy, the IACP will be attending an expanded number of events in autumn 2013. These events include Electric Picnic, the National Ploughing Championships and Your Health.

We are inviting IACP Accredited Members to volunteer to assist with the operation of the IACP stand at the different events.

Each day we will require a number of volunteers to assist with various tasks including:

- Providing information about Therapy to the public
- Distributing leaflets
- General tasks

We are looking for members to volunteer for approximately 3 hours at each / any particular event on each / any particular day.

The events and dates are as follows:

Your Health, RDS, Dublin – 14 & 15 September 2013

National Ploughing Championships, Ratheniska, Co. Laois, 24, 25 & 26 September 2013

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Eleanor Reidy at eleanor@carrcommunications.ie or phone 01 7728937 with your preferred date and time (e.g. 15 September from 12pm -3pm).

You can volunteer for as many or as few days as you wish.

New IACP Committee seeking Volunteers

The IACP Education Committee is currently seeking Volunteers.

This committee will consider and make suggestions on all Educational Relationships and Counselling & Psychotherapy matters.

Please click on this link for the Terms of Reference for this Committee

<http://www.iacp.ie/education-committee>

If you are interested in volunteering on this committee, please download the "Volunteer Application Form" here, <http://www.iacp.ie/voluntary-work-psychotherapy-counselling>

Fill it in and send it to Liz Gannon either by email to liz@iacp.ie or by post to Head Office.

Volunteer Opportunities – Girls Club Cork, Voluntary Cancer Support Centre

The Girls Club Cork, Voluntary Cancer Support Centre, 26 Paul's Avenue, Cork, are seeking Volunteer Counsellors, who are qualified to Diploma Level, and are working on a voluntary basis towards their Accreditations.

Please Contact Ann Dowley Spillane or Teresa O'Flaherty on 021 4949090 or 0852814495 for further information, or you can email your CV, copy of Diploma Details and Insurance details to thegirlsclubcork@hotmail.com

<http://www.girlsclubcork.com/>

Core Tutor Required – Churchtown Counselling & Psychotherapy Clinic

Churchtown Counselling & Psychotherapy Clinic, 5A Beaumont Avenue, Churchtown, Dublin 14 are seeking a Core Tutor to teach Humanistic Modules on our two year Diploma in Counselling & Psychotherapy course. The successful candidate must have 5 years teaching experience on a psychotherapy/psychology course. The candidate must also be 5 years post accreditation with a recognised organisation.

Contact Maria O'Leary on 014419885 or 0861000049 for further information or email your CV, copy of Diploma and insurance details to info@churchtowncounselling.com
www.churchtowncounselling.com

The Console World Suicide Prevention Day Conference, 2013

Date: Monday 9th September 2013

Venue: Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin

Every year, Console showcases national and international speakers working in the fields of suicide prevention, postvention and intervention. This year's Conference marking World Suicide Prevention Day will be formally opened by President Michael D. Higgins and is themed on communities and agencies, nurturing their potential to work positively together to reduce suicide here in Ireland.

The Console Conference is relevant to anyone with a general interest in suicide prevention or bereavement, other agencies and workers in the field, and professional clinicians wishing to up skill in these important areas of work.

2013 Conference Speakers include:

- **President Michael D Higgins** (President of Ireland & Patron of Console)
- **Gerry Raleigh** (Director, HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention, Ireland)
"Mobilising Irish Communities to Work Together to Reduce Suicide in 2013"
- **Dr Paul Quinnett** (President and CEO of the QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Institute, Washington, USA)
"Preventing Suicide: It's What People Do. An Introduction to a Community Model for Suicide Prevention"
- **Dr Sallyanne Duncan** (Programme Director in Digital Journalism, University of Strathclyde, Scotland)
"Reporting Suicide: Promoting Responsible Media Coverage Through the Revision and Improvement of Professional Guidelines"
- **Dr Sharon McDonald** (Centre for Mental Health and Risk, University of Manchester, England)
"Parents Bereaved by Suicide - The Development of a Training Pack for Health Professionals"
- **Niall Kearney** (Head of Mental Health Improvement Unit, Scottish Government)
"On Moving Forward with Suicide Prevention in Scotland"
- **Dr Amy Chandler** (Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh)
"Men, Masculinity and Suicide: Sociological Contributions to Understanding Inequalities in Suicide Rates"
- **Paul Kelly** (CEO & Founder, Console)
- **Christy Kenneally** (Author & Broadcaster)
"Reflections & Conference Close"

Conference Fee: **€95**

Booking forms are available on www.console.ie

Group discounts are available - contact Console on 01 6102638 for further details.
Certificates of attendance will be issued on request.

The Children First National Guidelines and their Implications for the Work of IACP Members

In 2010, the National Executive of the IACP adopted the Children First Guidelines of the Department of Health and Children as part of the organisation's policy.

The guidelines are on the IACP website and are widely available. It is the responsibility of all IACP members to familiarise themselves with them.

This note deals only with the reporting responsibilities by which members are expected to abide. It deals only with what is stated in the guidelines.

The guidelines are non-mandatory under the law **at present**, but it is now the policy of the IACP that members act in accordance with them.

For IACP members, the key provisions of the guidelines are those regarding the reporting of concerns to the authorities.

These provisions deal with concerns that a child may currently be experiencing abuse; and with disclosure by adults of abuse experienced when they themselves were children.

Current Abuse

A member who has concerns that children with whom they are in contact may have been abused, may be suffering abuse or may be at risk of abuse should report these concerns to the HSE child protection services.

If the child is in immediate danger and the HSE cannot be contacted, a report should be made to the Gardaí.

Retrospective Disclosure by Adults

For most counsellors / psychotherapists this may be the most relevant section.

This issue arises when an adult discloses abuse that occurred during his / her childhood.

The section places an onus on the member to consider whether a child is at risk currently and if so to act upon that concern.

The guidelines state that “If any risk is deemed to exist to a child who may be in contact with an alleged abuser, the counsellor / health professional should report the allegation to the HSE Children and Family Services without delay.”

It is important to note that these guidelines concern not only sexual abuse but also neglect, physical abuse and emotional abuse.

As mentioned above, the Children First guidelines are non-mandatory in a legal sense, **at present**, but this is expected to change in the near future.

However the formal adoption by the National Executive of the IACP of the guidelines places an obligation on members to act in accordance with those guidelines.

Members would be wise to ensure that their contracts with clients refer to these obligations under the Children First Guidelines.

IACP members should also make themselves familiar with the **Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook** published by the HSE.

The handbook incorporates the Children First National Guidelines and is a user-friendly document. It is strongly recommended by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.

IACP has a formal agreement with **One In Four**, whom have kindly offered their services to assist IACP Members regarding any abuse / reporting issues they may experience.

Please Note: IACP Members are not required to use the services of One in Four, Members can use the services of other organisations, but they must adhere to the Children First Guidelines.

If you need further advice or guidance in relation to the above or any area of Child Protection / Abuse / Reporting you can contact **One In Four** on 01-6624070 or www.oneinfour.ie

One In Four can assist you with understanding the information and also guide and assist you with the reporting mechanisms if necessary.

Both the **Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children** and the **Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook** can be viewed and downloaded from the IACP website by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.iacp.ie/childrens-first-guidelines>

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