

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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Online Directory – Accredited Members Login Update

A new field called ‘Search Keywords’ has been added to the Online Directory – Accredited Members Login within the ‘Edit Your Profile’ area.

This new field will enable Accredited Members to add keywords to their profile to ensure that their name or variations of their name will be picked up in the ‘Find a Therapist – keyword search’ on the website.

The content of this field will not be visible in the ‘Search Results Member Profiles’ from the ‘Find a Therapist – keyword search’ but will be visible to Accredited Members when they login to edit their profile.

For example, the name Carol can be spelt CAROL or CAROLE or KAROL or CARROLL. If you spell your name CAROL, then you would put CAROLE, KAROL and CARROLL into the keyword search for your profile, so if somebody searches for any of those spellings your details will be picked up in the search.

OR

The surname McDonald could be entered as MCDONALD, MC DONALD, MAC DONALD or MACDONALD. If you spell your name McDonald, then you would put MC DONALD, MAC DONALD or MACDONALD.

The ‘Search Keywords’ field should not be used to put in options from therapeutic service or therapeutic approach areas i.e. addiction, abuse etc. These options should be chosen from the tick boxes within the ‘Edit Your Profile’ area and will automatically be picked up if entered in the ‘Find a Therapist – keyword search’ on the website.

If you have any queries about this new field, please email Carol Murray at carol@iacp.ie

Nationwide Meetings on Mental Health services – HSE

Paddy McGowan, interim Head of Service User, Family Member and Carer Engagement on the HSE National Mental Health Management Team is planning a series of nationwide meetings to hear directly from people who have experience of the mental health services, their family, friends, and/or carers or anybody who has an interest in this area.

These meetings will allow people who use mental health services and their family/friend/carers to share their views on how mental health services should be developed and delivered.

Paddy has a long and distinguished history as a campaigner on mental health issues. He has personal experience of the mental health services, both as a service user and as a carer. He has also been involved in advocacy around issues both nationally and internationally for many years.

We are asking for your help to tell people who use mental health services or anyone who has an interest in mental health services about these meetings.

The meetings will take place in a number of locations around Ireland from the 24th of February until early April.

The dates, venues and times of these meetings are outlined below:-

Date:	2pm	7.30pm	Region and County:	Location:	Venue:
24.02.14	2pm.		South – Co Cork	Bantry	Westlodge Hotel and Estate, Bantry
		7.30pm		Cork City	The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork City.
25.02.14	2pm.		Co. Kerry	Killarney	The Gleneagle Hotel, Muckcross Road, Killarney
		7.30pm		Tralee	Brandon Hotel, Princes Street, Tralee
26.02.14	2pm.		Co. Waterford	Waterford City	The Tower Hotel, The Mall, Waterford
		7.30pm		Dungarvan	Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan
27.02.14	2pm.		Co Wexford	Wexford Town	Whites of Wexford, Abbey Street, Wexford
		7.30pm	Co. Wicklow (DML)	Arklow	Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow
28.02.14	2pm.		Carlow/Kilkenny.	Kilkenny City	The Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny
		7.30pm	Tipperary	Clonmel	Mulcahy's Hotel, Gladstone Street, Clonmel

03.03.14	2pm.		West: Co. Clare	Ennis	Temple Gate Hotel, The Square, Ennis
		7.30pm	Co. Limerick	Limerick City	Clarion Hotel, Steamboat Quay, Limerick
04.03.14	2pm.		Co. Galway:	Galway City	The Connaught Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway City
		7.30pm		Galway: Clifden	Clifden Station House Hotel, Connemara
05.03.14	2pm.		Co. Roscommon	Roscommon Town	Abbey Hotel, Galway Road, Roscommon
06.03.14	2pm		Co. Mayo	Castlebar	Harlequin Hotel, Lannagh Road, Castlebar
		7.30pm		Ballina	Best Western Ballina Manor Hotel, Ballina
18.03.14		7.30pm	Sligo Leitrim:	Sligo Town	Sligo Southern Hotel
19.03.14	2pm.		Co. Donegal	Letterkenny	The Mount Errigal Hotel, Ballyraine Road, Letterkenny
		7.30pm		Donegal Town	The Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town
24.03.14	2pm		DML: Co. Offaly	Tullamore	The Tullamore Court Hotel
25.03.14	2pm		Co Dublin*	Dublin City Centre	Ashling Hotel
26.03.14		7.30pm		Dublin City Centre	Ashling Hotel
31.03.14	2pm		Co. Louth	Drogheda	Westcourt Hotel
		7.30pm	Co. Cavan	Cavan Town	The Farnham Arms Hotel, Main Street, Cavan

*** To cover catchment area of Louth, North Dublin, South Dublin and Bray**

I would be grateful if you could pass this information onto your regional and local networks and ask them to pass this information onto the people who may be interested in attending a meeting in their local area.

If you are in a position to help, John will send you on a flyer later this week which will give specific details of the date, location and venues in a location near to you (sample attached). This flyer can be printed out and distributed to as many people as possible who may be interested in attending. This flyer can also be left in prominent places such as GP surgeries and local shops. The HSE is also engaging with local mental health services, local media and primary care services to get this message out.

If you have any queries or any other suggestions as to how we can get this message out to people who use mental health services and their family/friend/carers to give them an opportunity to share their views on how mental health services should be developed and delivered, please do not hesitate to contact John McCusker, Tel: 01-6352673 or Email john.mccusker@hse.ie who will deal with any queries that you may have.

Thank you for your time with this matter.

Regards

Tony Leahy

Free Public Education Event – Dublin

A **free** public education event on eating disorders will take place on Tuesday 25th February at 6.30pm at St. Patrick's University Hospital, James's Street, Dublin 8.

Presentations will include;

Dr Sarah Prasad, Consultant Psychiatrist - Overview of eating disorders

Social Worker &
Advanced Nurse Practitioner - The Role of the Carer

Service User - Personal Experience

Clinical Nurse Specialist - Aftercare & Recovery

Dr Sarah Prasad, Consultant Psychiatrist - Q & A

Healthcare professionals and the general public are welcome and will receive a certificate of attendance.

St Patrick's Mental Health Services, James's Street, Dublin 8

Telephone: +353 1 249 3617

Website: www.stpatricks.ie

Job Opportunity – Down Syndrome Ireland

Role: Specialist Counsellor

Organisation: Down Syndrome Ireland

Location: Citylink Business Park, Old Naas Road, Dublin 12 (Head Office)
Role will require frequent travel countrywide

Employment Type: Full-time Permanent

Salary: On Application

Down Syndrome Ireland is seeking to fill the position of Specialist Counsellor who will develop, coordinate and deliver a range of services related to the care and support of people with Down syndrome and their families.

Role Duties & Responsibilities will include:

- First line counselling support to new parents and to children and adults with Down Syndrome, and their families
- Coordinating access to all available support services
- Developing and conducting a range of relevant Training Programmes and Workshops at Regional and National level
- Working closely with associates to support policy and practice in a range of areas including Ethics, Education, Sexuality and Independence.
- Liaising with DSI members and service providers across a spectrum of needs
- Participating fully as a member of the DSI National Resource Team

Requirements:

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications, skills, experience and abilities as a minimum requirement:

- Degree in Counselling / Psychotherapy
- Registration with a recognised professional body
- Preferably an additional qualification in a related area, such as Drama Therapy, Art Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy or a background in Healthcare
- Non-directive Counselling experience across a range of contexts, for example Bereavement, Marital, Personal Development
- Experience working with people who have Down Syndrome or an intellectual disability, and their families
- Practical experience creating and developing bespoke Programmes and Training
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with strong emotional intelligence
- Proven ability to work successfully on own initiative and as part of a wider team
- Mature approach to coping with challenging situations
- Capacity to fulfil the role with confidence, professionalism and empathy

Applications:

Please apply in writing to the following email address: recruitment@downsyndrome.ie attaching a current CV with References.

Closing date for receipt of Applications is Tuesday 4th March 2014

Job Opportunity – Pure Health

Pure Health, an established integrative health centre in Dublin 15, is looking for an experienced Counsellor to join our team.

We have a proven record in generating and keeping clients and have an existing footfall of hundreds of clients each week through our classes and therapies. We look after reception, scheduling, room upkeep, marketing and advertising so you can focus on Counselling.

The ideal candidate will be professional, passionate about what they do, confident, good with people and responsible. We are offering part time hours to start, with the potential for full time hours developing.

The role is on a revenue share, self-employed contractor basis. Applicants will be asked to attend for an interview / assessment.

Experience / Insurance and Membership of a professional association essential.

Pure Health, 2/3 The Mall, Ongar, Dublin 15

Telephone: 01 4404343

Website: www.purehealth.ie

Volunteer Opportunity – Irish Autism Action

Irish Autism Action is currently recruiting volunteer counsellors (qualified and working towards accreditation) to work Wednesday mornings from 10-2pm, and Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm in our Dublin City Centre office.

For more details or to apply please email a CV and cover note to Yvonne Lucas counselling@autismireland.ie (indicating which slot you are applying for).

Closing date for applications is Monday 10th March 2014.

Irish Autism Action, Coole Road, Multyfarnham, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

Tel: 044 9371680

Website: www.autismireland.ie

Volunteer Opportunity – Dignity4Patients

Dignity4Patients is a professional nurse led organisation that provides a specialised service, to assist in the support, healing and recovery of those who suffer sexual violence in Irish Health Services. We support the families of those affected and we work to prevent further sexual violence in the future.

We have Patient knowledge; Nursing Knowledge; Knowledge of Medical Conditions and Appropriate Treatments; Knowledge of Health Institutions and Health systems and Knowledge of Sexual Violence in both Irish and International Health Systems.

We provide a helpline for patient victims to call and we also offer follow-up support visits.

We are in URGENT NEED of volunteers with a **counselling** background to help us deliver these essential services.

We are based in Drogheda, Co. Louth and we would welcome volunteers who could give a few hours of their time each week to assist us with our service.

If you are interested in volunteering with us please call us on 041-9845761.

Dignity4Patients

Telephone: 041-9845761

Website: www.dignity4patients.org/

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