

Contact Youth invite you to our November 2010 conference

Suicide Prevention – What Works?

6.30pm-9pm Monday 22nd November & all day Tuesday 23rd November
Stormont Hotel, Belfast BT4 3LP.

MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 6.30PM-9PM

Professor Rory O'Connor, Stirling University will present our opening address:

- On the meaning and prevalence of self-harm among young people in NI
- Young people's attitudes to self harm
- Implications for policy and practice

Particularly relevant to GPs, Post-Primary School Principals and Heads of Pastoral Care, Professor O'Connor's research also has important messages for Gateway Social Services Teams, Looked After Children's Services and Youth Justice policy and practice.

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 9AM – 4PM

Ken Norton, Project Director, Connect, New Hampshire will speak from his extensive experience developing the Community Response Model for suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. Ken will also present an evidence based approach to safe messaging through old and new communications media. Closer to home, Barry McGale, Suicide Prevention Coordinator from the Western Trust will present on his experience of local Community Response.

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Trisha Forbes, Contact Youth Research Officer with Queens University Belfast, (funded by Atlantic Philanthropies) will present interim findings on Youth Suicide Cluster Prevention.

Dr Joanne Jordan, School of Nursing and Midwifery at QUB will report on her PHA funded joint research initiative with UUU titled 'Learning from the experiences of suicidal men to inform mental health services'.

Professor O'Connor will present his self harm research, and outline his recently developed Integrated Motivational Model of Suicidal Behaviour.

Professor Kevin Malone, UCD and St Vincent's University Hospital, and artist/researcher, Seamus McGuinness GMIT, will present their unique study, entitled ***Suicide in Ireland: A Conversation and Journey through Loss with Science and Art.***

We last heard from this research team at Contact Youth's 2006 conference, as they prepared to embark upon a four year study, in which 220 relatives of 104 people who died by suicide from 23 counties in

Ireland participated. An art exhibition emerged central to the study, carefully portraying the life and times of the loved ones of 62 families. The resulting powerful experiential art installation, The Lost Gallery, will be on view, throughout our two day conference (with the families' full consent).

The conference will close with an extended panel/plenary discussion with key mental health and suicide prevention contributors.

Suicide prevention – what works? provides the perfect networking opportunity for health, education, forensic and mental health professionals.

We particularly welcome delegates from support groups engaged in suicide prevention.

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PROGRAMME MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

- 6.30pm-7pm Registration Tea & Coffee
- 7pm-9pm Professor Rory O’Conner

PROGRAMME TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

- 9am-10am Registration Tea & Coffee
- 10am–11.30am Conference Opening, Ken Norton & Barry McGale
- 11.30am – 11.45am Break Tea & Coffee
- 11.45am-12.15pm Trisha Forbes & Dr. Joanne Jordan
- 12.15pm-1.15pm Professor Rory O’Conner
- 1.15pm-2.15pm Lunch
- 2.15pm-3.15pm Professor Kevin Malone & Seamus McGuinness GMIT
- 3.15pm-3.30pm Break Tea & Coffee
- 3.30pm-4pm Panel/Plenary & Close of Conference

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