

## ‘Spaces to be free to be me – building blocks for life’

### Roscommon CCC annual continuous professional development (CPD) seminar

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Athlone Institute of Technology

**€10 per participant**

Roscommon County Childcare Committee (CCC) will hold our annual continuous professional development (CPD) seminar in collaboration with the social sciences department of Athlone Institute of Technology (AIT). As part of the day’s workshops, facilitators will demonstrate the linkages with inclusion and transition which is intended to help you in your role as a curriculum developer to build, reflect on and extend your curriculum to support babies’ toddlers and young children’s early learning and development. Roscommon CCC recommend that Early years professionals, parents, students, childminders and those in a family support role attend the seminar as to gain and continue their professional development and add to their learning. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance and can choose from a wide range of workshops.

**Main room: 2-2.15pm Welcome by Irene Cafferky Manager Roscommon County Childcare Committee**

**2.15-3.30pm: Key note Speaker Imelda Graham, Encourage.**

Imelda is our key note speaker and has had vast experience volunteering in refugee camps. This workshop plans to gain a deeper understanding of transitions, how they affect the children with whom we work and how we can offer inclusive environments that extend beyond the physical space and connect at a deep level, affording each child a rich connection that meets their emotional needs.

***Linkages with Aistear – Identity and belonging, Well-being and Síolta standard 13-transitions.***

### Session One

**Workshop one (main room): 3.30-4.30pm**



1. ‘Interventions and strategies for working with children with autism’  
Siobhan Oates - Clinical Nurse Specialist in Autism Early Intervention Services,  
Brothers of Charity Ireland- Roscommon region.

Siobhan has been working in Early Intervention Services, with children with Autism for 20 years. Her background is nursing and has completed a number of training courses in the field of Autism. The topics that will be covered include; visual timetables, use of wait cards and the use of break card.

2. **“Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs through the Transition from Pre-School to School. Pauline Smyth – Transition Support Service Coordinator (Mid/South Roscommon) and Emma Gillespie – Transition Support Service Coordinator (North Roscommon) Early Childhood Services, Brothers of Charity Ireland- Roscommon region.**

Pauline and Emma have been providing a Transition Support Service to children in the county of Roscommon for over 13 years. Children with Special educational needs often require a greater level of support to transition, in comparison to their peers. This presentation will give an overview of the service they provide and the strategies which have proven effective.

***Linkages with Aistear –communication, well-being and Síolta standard 13-Transitions.***

**Workshop two A (room 1): 3.15- 4pm**



**Consultation with children** - Marie Gibbons Children and Youth People Services committee Roscommon and Caroline Duignan Co-ordinator of Children and Youth People Services Committee Roscommon.

. Marie will be presenting a workshop on consulting with very young children about policy, planning and service developments in Co Roscommon. Roscommon CYPSC have undertaken a series of consultations with young children about their health and well-being and have included the views of young children in other initiatives such as the Transitions project. This presentation will outline the rationale for listening to the views of very young children and will look at ways in which the voice of the child can be heard and responded to by policy makers and practitioners.

***Linkages with Aistear –communication, well-being and Síolta standard 1- rights of the child and standard 5 – interactions.***

**Workshop two B (room 1): 4– 4.30pm**

**Better starts to inclusion and transitions** – Laura McNally, National Service Coordinator Better Start AIM and Paula Gavin, Early Years Specialist Better Start AIM.



This workshop will be presented by a National service co-ordinator and Early year’s specialist for the Better Start AIM team. Through their experience they have created a practical workshop to enhance inclusion in the ECCE setting. The workshop will guide the early years Practitioner in using the Individual Access and Inclusion Plan to enhance the child’s inclusion within the early years settings. The participants will explore writing inclusion goals under the headings

of Access, Participation and Supports and Transitions.

***Linkages with Access and Inclusion Model.***

### Workshop three A (room 2) 3.15 -4pm :



**Explore how theory and relational pedagogy support inclusion in ECCE - Dr Teresa Brown, Edel Lynn and Annarose Codd** Athlone Institute of Technology lecturers.

Lecturers from Social Science and Design Department in Athlone IT will explore how through theory inclusion can impact in the early years setting. This workshop will include practical examples to enhance participants learning and understanding.

***Linkages with Access and Inclusion Model.***

### Workshop three B (room 2) 4pm-4.30pm:



**Learning stories to assist inclusion and transitions in early year's settings**  
– Sinead Mc Quaid Roscommon CCC.

Sinead has been working in both community & private childcare settings for the past 20 years. Sinead holds a B.A Hons Degree in Early Childhood Care & Education and High scope implementation process. As a staff member of the Roscommon County Childcare Committee multi-disciplinary team. Sinead's workshop will demonstrate how learning stories can be used as a practical tool to implement inclusion and the process of transition.

***Linkages with Aistear –communication, well-being and identity and belonging and Síolta standard 12- communication and standard 14 – identity and belonging.***

**5- 5.45pm BREAK**

### Session Two

#### Workshop four (main room) 5-6pm:



**Making inclusion a positive transition for children and families - Imelda Graham, Encourage.** This workshop plans to gain a deeper understanding of transitions, how they affect the children with whom we work and how we can offer inclusive environments that extend beyond the physical space and connect at a deep level, affording each child a rich connection that meets their emotional needs.

***Linkages with Access and Inclusion Model and Aistear – Identity and belong and well-being.***

### **Workshop five (room 1) 5-5.45pm:**



**Partnership with parents-** Lisa O'Neill, Manager of Greenfields Community Childcare and Montessori.

Lisa is manager of Greenfields Community Childcare and Montessori in Roscommon town and has been working in the childcare sector for 20 years. This workshop will be based around the theme of partnership with parents and how to involve parents in their children's early years' education. The workshop will focus on how to build good relationships and best practice for parental involvement.

***Linkages with Aistear – well-being and communication and Síolta standard 3 – parents and families and standard 12 communication.***

### **Workshop six (room 2) 5-7pm:**



Absolute Safety &  
Environmental Services

**Introduction to First Aid (Minor cuts, bruises and burns) –**  
James McLoughlin, Absolute Safety

This workshop is for parents and all those working in the early years sector and will outline strategies with paediatric medical emergencies. Within this workshop prevention methods, asthma attacks, anaphylaxis, choking, meningitis, epileptic seizure and febrile seizures will be outlined and discussed with practical examples and an opportunity for questions and answers.

### **Session Three**

### **Workshop Seven (main room) 6-7pm:**



**Promoting inclusion, calmness and well-being through a holistic model of healing -** Emer Dolphin facilitator, Capacitor Ireland.

Capacitor Ireland teaches simple wellness practices for good health and self-development that awaken people to their own wisdom, strength and leadership. Capacitor practices include Tai Chi, Emotional Freedom Techniques, Mindfulness, Meditation, Stress Management and Self Care. The practices foster inclusiveness within groups and communities and are especially effective for anyone dealing with transition in their lives. This workshop will introduce participants to some of the core Capacitor practices. It will also explain how these simple techniques can be used with children of all ages to foster inclusion, calmness and well-being especially at times of transition or stress.

***Linkages with Aistear – well-being and communication and Síolta standard 13– transitions and the Access and Inclusion Model.***

**Workshop Eight (room 1) 6-7pm:**



**Fostering resilience to support Transitions - Amy Dowd Manager of Cuan Bhríde, Community Childcare Service.**

Amy Dowd is the Manager of Cuan Bhríde Childcare Centre in Four Mile House, Co Roscommon. Amy has a BA Hons in Early Childhood Teaching and Learning. This workshop will promote & support resilience and positive social and emotional well-being with children through transitions.

***Linkages with Aistear – well-being and identity and belonging and Síolta standard 5 – interactions and standard 13 transitions.***

**Booking is essential, Please contact Roscommon County Childcare Committee in the following ways:**

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**The Conference will cost €10 per person which is non-refundable.**

**Cost includes attendance at workshops and evening refreshments.**

**Bookings will only be accepted with payment and will be on a first come basis as demand is expected to be high for this professional development event.**

**\*Registration will not be completed until payment has been made in full\*\***