

International Family Day Care Organisation Conference 2009

University College Cork, Ireland
July 20th - 25th 2009

“Celebrating Quality Family Childcare”

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This is a unique conference focused on Childminding

Welcome Note from Patricia Hayes Murray

International Family Day Care Organisation

President 2006 – 2009



It is my honour to be the President in this, the 25th Anniversary year of the establishment of the International Family Day Care Organisation, since the first Conference in Wales in 1987. Reflecting on a quarter century of linking family childcare across the world, the theme of the conference is celebratory –

“Celebrating Quality Family Childcare”

IFDCO is a worldwide network of people involved as providers, researchers, advocates and support workers who wish to promote family childcare and particularly to promote research, so as to underpin and promote quality care and evidence-based best practice. Communication has been a very difficult task for those who worked on the International Executive Committee through the years and whom I would like to honour and thank for their generous commitment. My task has been made considerably easier by e-communication.

I would particularly like to thank those national and state family childcare organisations in the UK, Europe, USA, Australia and New Zealand who afforded me and members of the International Executive Committee the opportunity to promote IFDCO at their conferences and in their publications.

From the formation of the National Childminding Association of Ireland, now *Childminding Ireland*, membership of IFDCO has been an important inspiration and source of information. Attending the IFDCO International meetings and conferences, generously hosted by national organisations in the UK, Europe, America, Australia and New Zealand brought home, (literally), the message that worldwide family childcare is the largest sub-sector and the family home has the capacity to provide the highest quality childcare – when the FCC Provider (or the Childminder in UK and Irish terminology,) has the diverse qualities and skills required and is supported with training and networking opportunities.

I welcome you to Ireland to attend this focussed conference and also thank those diverse experts who will present keynote addresses and seminars. It will be a wonderful week and I look forward to meeting again all you inspiring individuals concerned with providing or promoting family childcare so that we can celebrate Quality Family Childcare together in the magnificent setting of University College, Cork, Ireland.

Patricia Hayes Murray, BA., Dip. Ed.

Chief Executive

Childminding Ireland

***Childminding Ireland* is proud to host this exciting conference and to tell you that registration is now available at www.ifdco.com**



Delegates will have the opportunity to meet in Dublin on Monday July 20th 2009 for some sightseeing and attend the theatre before leaving for Cork by coach on Tuesday July 21st which will stop at a significant community centre, An Cosán, <http://www.ancosan.com> which trains and supports a group of FCC providers. “Cosán” is the Gaelic for “path” and this center provides many paths to assist the local community in accessing further education and employment.



We will visit the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary <http://www.cashel.ie/attractions/rock.htm> before reaching our accommodation in the environs of University College Cork www.ucc.ie on Tuesday evening. On Thursday July 23rd a coach trip will visit the Cobh Heritage Centre <http://www.cobhheritage.com/index2.html> where the Irish people embarked on the sailing ships to America in the 19th century, followed by visiting the Blarney Woollen Mills, www.blarney.ie famous for Irish clothes and gift items.



Monday 20th July

19:30 Theatre Dublin

Tuesday 21st July

10:00 Coach To Cork and Visit to An Cosan & Rock of Cashel

Wednesday 22nd July

10:00 Blarney Castle & Woollen Mills

16:00 Conference Opening and Address

Barry Andrews T.D., Minister for Children

16:30 **Keynote Address: Francis Douglas**, Professor of Early Childhood Studies in University College Cork and also Director of the B.A. Degree in Early Childhood Studies. His main interest is in early years education and care having published at national and international levels in the area. As patron of IPPA, he has a particular affinity with the playgroup movement. He co-directed the externally funded UCC Early Years Curriculum Project (Project EYE) and co-directs the Early Years Postgraduate Studies Programme.

17:30 Social Reception

Thursday 23rd July

8.30 Registration

9:00 **Lord Mayor of Cork – Welcome Address**

9:15 **Keynote Address: Sylda Langford**

Director General, Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in Ireland and is a well known Champion of children and young people.

10:00 **Keynote Address: Professor Guy Claxton**

Professor of the Learning Sciences, Co-Director: Centre for Real-Work Learning, University of Winchester, UK. He is the originator of the highly practical and innovative *Building Learning Power* approach to the creation of learning cultures in schools.

11:00 Tea/Coffee

11:30 Choice of Seminars / **Master Class – Guy Claxton**

13:00 Lunch

14:15 **Keynote Address: Erik Sigsgaard**

Senior researcher, assistant professor in institutionalisation of modern childhood. He wants to share his views on what makes a good family day-care good. The good family day-care deinstitutionalises itself, in the good family day-care the children are assisted more than they are raised and in the good family day-care the children assist the provider.

15:15 Choice of Seminars / IFDCO AGM / Cobh Tour

16:30 - 17:45 Choice of Seminars

Friday 24th July

8:30 Registration

9:00 **Keynote Address: Dr. Thelma Harms,**

FPG Child Development institute, University North Carolina. USA.

The Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale - Developed and Revised

10:00 **Keynote Address: Ronnie Hill,**

Director Children's Services Regulation, Care Commission. Scotland. Do Childminders make the Grade? A risk based proportionate approach to the regulation of Childminders in Scotland.

11:00 Tea/Coffee

11:30 Choice of Seminar / **Master Class – Dr Thelma Harms**

13:00 Lunch

14:15 **Keynote Address: Judy Layland,**

University of Otago College of Education, Dunedin, New Zealand. Affordance of Participation Rights for Children in Home-Based Education and Care: An Interactive Process Model of Participation

15:15 Choice of Seminars

16:30 -17:45 Choice of Seminars

19:30 Gala Dinner or Food, Drink & Music Trail, Cork City.

Saturday 25th July

8:30 Registration

9:00 **Keynote Address: Malene Karlsson**

Children's photo-documentation of family day care. How do young children in family day care see their every-day life? We have developed a method to give them tools for expression and will present results from studies in Denmark, Sweden and Ireland.

10:15 **Keynote Address: Jan White**

"Providing movement-rich outdoor play"

11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:30 Choice of Seminar

13:00 Lunch

14:15 Choice of Seminar

15:15 **Keynote Address: Professor Jacqueline Barnes**

Keynote Title: The Families Children and Child Care Study: Use of childcare, its quality and outcomes up to age 3 years.

The purpose of the Families Children and Child Care (FCCC) Study, the most detailed and largest English study of child care, was to examine the short and longer-term effects of childcare on children's development between birth and school entry. Two research sites were involved, one in North London and the other in Oxfordshire.

16:15 **Keynote Address: Jeff Johnson**

Keynote Title: Finding Your Smile Again. Children deserve happy, fulfilled, and passionate care givers, who love their jobs, but the work is often so stressful and challenging that it quickly steals your smile.

This address looks at finding lost smiles, refreshing faded smiles, and keeping existing smiles bright.

17:15 Conference Closing Ceremony and handover of IFDCO Presidency

Section 1 – Delegate Details – (One Form per Delegate)

Surname _____	First Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Childminder / FCC Provider
Title _____	Position _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Member of IFDCO
Address _____	Organisation _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Member of <i>Childminding Ireland</i>
City _____	Telephone _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Keynote Speaker
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Country _____	Email _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson

Section 2 – Registration Fee

Section 2 - Sub Total €

Early Registration Fee	prior to 27th February 2009/Member of IFDCO/ Member of <i>Childminding Ireland</i>	€350.00
Later Registration Fee	after 27th February 2009	€450.00
Day Delegate Fee		€150.00

Fees include full day attendance, lunch, conference materials & attendance at Welcome Reception.

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Section 3 - Sub Total €

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Cork

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Jury's Hotel	€ 145	€ 165	Garnish House B&B	€ 90	€ 120
Jury's Inn	€ 115	€ 135	UCC Accommodation*	€ 67	€ 85
Brookfield	€ 60	€ 75	* UCC Accommodation offers continental breakfast only.		

Arrival Date ___/___/___ Departure Date ___/___/___ Number of Nights _____ Cost Per Night € _____

Dublin

Hotel	Single Room	Double Room	Hotel	Single Room	Double Room
Jury's Inn Christchurch	€ 100	€ 110	Buswell's Hotel	€ 120	€ 135
Parliament Hotel	€ 95	€ 105			

Arrival Date ___/___/___ Departure Date ___/___/___ Number of Nights _____ Cost Per Night € _____

Section 4 – Social Programme

Section 4 - Sub Total €

Date	Function	Cost	No. of Tickets	Total
Monday 20th July	Theatre Dublin	€ 60*		
Tuesday 21st July	Coach to Cork and Visit to An Cosán & Rock of Cashel	€ 70		
Wednesday 22nd July	Blarney Castle & Woollen Mills	€ 40		
	Welcome Reception	No Charge		
Thursday 23rd July	Cobh Tour	€ 40		
Friday 24th July	Gala Dinner	€ 60		
	Food, drink & Music Trail, Cork City	€ 40		

* Cost may be subject to change, please view website www.ifdco.com for updated information.

Total €

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