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ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN FAMILY SUPPORT

6th Biennial International Conference

Date: Thursday 13th & Friday 14th June 2013
Venue: Engineering Building, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

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Day Two: Friday, 14th June 2013

9.00 – 10.00  Citizenship as a Mechanism for Individual, Family, and Community Support  
Professor Mark Brennan, Pennsylvania State University, USA

10.00 – 11.00  Addressing the Challenges in Building a Culture of Respect for Children’s Voices  
Ms. Gerison Lansdown, Independent International Affairs Professional, London, UK

11.00 – 11.15  Tea/Coffee

11.15 – 12.15  The Role of Advocacy in Family Support  
Ms. Norah Gibbons, Member of the Historical Abuse Inquiry, Northern Ireland

12.15 – 1.15  Special Guest – Kenneth Egan  
Kenneth Egan is Ireland’s most decorated amateur boxer. He is 10 times National Champion, Olympic Silver medallist (Beijing, 2008) and has been inducted into the Irish Amateur Boxing Association’s Hall of Fame. Kenneth will speak on the commitment and dedication required to excel in sport and also on his life experiences (from a young age starting out in boxing through to adulthood) and how the support he received from family, friends and others has helped him to deal with the challenges and difficulties that came his way.

1.15 – 1.30  Closing Remarks  
Dr. John Canavan, Associate Director, UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre, School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway

1.30 – 2.30  Lunch

*Conference programme subject to change

CONFERENCE THEME

Family Support requires the involvement of us all – children, parents, volunteers, professionals and politicians – as citizens. The aim of this conference is to view trends, challenges and options relating to citizens’ engagement and participation in the field of Family Support. The conference will consider the relevance of citizenship to Family Support, exploring the potential and limitations of community and volunteer led provision, the challenges facing professional worker-citizens in embattled systems, the possibility of participatory structures within service delivery systems, the role of advocacy and protest in Family Support and the overall meaning and value of participation by children and young people for Family Support.
Professor Pat Dolan
Pat Dolan is joint founder and Director of the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre. Professor Dolan holds the prestigious UNESCO Chair in Children, Youth and Civic Engagement. The UNESCO Chair delivers a comprehensive programme of work towards the objective of promoting civic engagement and leadership skills among children and youth. Pat has worked with and for families as a practitioner and service manager. He has completed an extensive body of research on family issues and was recently a member of a Government Task Force advising on the transition programme for the new Child and Family Support Agency.

Professor Constance Flanagan
Constance Flanagan, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the author of “Teenage Citizens: The political theories of the young” (2013, Harvard University Press). She is the recipient of the 2012 Research Prize from the Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University and of an honorary doctorate in Humanities and Social Sciences from Örebro University in Sweden.

Professor Anne Power
Anne Power has been involved in European and American housing and urban problems since 1965. She is Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and Head of LSE Housing and Communities, a research group based within the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion. She is author of many books, reports and articles on housing, cities and low-income communities.

Mr. Andy Lloyd
Andy Lloyd is the Head of Workforce Development at Leeds Children's Services. He is a qualified social worker and spent 20 years working in statutory and third sector organisations including managing a Family Support charity for 7 years. Prior to his current job, Andy held academic positions at two of the three Universities in Leeds.

Dr. Bernadine Brady
Bernadine Brady is a Lecturer and Researcher with the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at NUI, Galway. Bernadine has been lead researcher on a range of studies for Foróige in recent years, including their Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) youth mentoring and Youth Citizenship programmes. Her recent publications and conference presentations are in the areas of youth mentoring, family support, evaluation and civic engagement.

Dr. Carmel Devaney
Carmel Devaney is a Lecturer and Course Director of the Master Degree in Family Support Studies in the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at NUI, Galway. Carmel is lead researcher on a number of practice based projects for the HSE and has designed and delivered a number of Family Support training initiatives for managers and practitioners. Carmel has also worked for many years in children and family services as both a practitioner and manager. Carmel’s recent publications and conference presentations are in the area of Family Support, child welfare and protection, and wellbeing.

Professor Mark Brennan
Mark Brennan is the UNESCO Chair in Rural Community, Leadership, and Youth Development at the Pennsylvania State University. His research, teaching, writing, and program development concentrates on the role of community and leadership development in the community, youth, and rural development process.

Ms. Gerison Lansdown
Gerison Lansdown has published and lectured widely on the subject of children’s rights. She was actively involved in the drafting of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, is an Honorary Fellow of UNICEF-UK, an Associate of the International Institute for Child Rights and Development in Victoria, Co-Director of CRED-PRO, an international initiative to develop child rights education for professionals working with children, and Chair of the Child-to-Child Trust.

Ms. Norah Gibbons
Norah Gibbons is a Social Worker, Practitioner and Manager in both statutory and NGO sectors. She has recently retired as Director of Advocacy with Barnardos, Ireland. Norah chaired the Confidential Committee of Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse between 2000 and 2005, the Roscommon Child Abuse Inquiry in 2009 and co-chaired the Child Deaths Inquiry with Dr. Geoffrey Shannon between 2011 and 2012. She was director of Advocacy with Barnardos between 2005 and 2012 and is currently a Member of the Historical Abuse Inquiry in Northern Ireland.
For the first time at its biennial conference, the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre would like to invite submissions for presentations in parallel sessions. Abstracts are invited from the policy and practice community, as well as the academic community, in relation to the conference themes, which are as follows:

• Citizenship and Family Support
• The Contribution of Volunteers and Communities
• Challenges Facing Professional Worker-Citizens in Embattled Systems
• Participatory Structures
• The Role of Advocacy and Protest
• Participation by Children and Young People

The UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre conference is hosted as part of the ‘Five Nations Family Support Initiative’ organised in conjunction with representatives from across the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland) and UNESCO, Paris. This involves each participating University hosting a Family Support themed conference which will culminate in a Family Support Symposium in UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. The aim of this initiative is to collectively discuss and advance Family Support policy and practice issues which will be progressed and developed on an international stage.

The UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at the National University of Ireland, Galway is based in the School of Political Science and Sociology. Founded with support from the Atlantic Philanthropies and the Health Services Executive, the mission of the Centre, established in 2007, is to help create the conditions for excellent policies, services and practices that improve the lives of children, youth and families through research, education and service development. The UNESCO CFRC undertakes an extensive programme of activities nationally and at a global level with core expertise in the areas of Family Support and Youth Development. With the support of UNESCO, and through the Chair in Children, Youth and Civic Engagement, the Centre is involved in a range of international collaborations in the area of youth engagement and participation. Underscoring all areas of work is a central commitment to better connecting the worlds of research, policy and practice. For further information please visit our website www.childandfamilyresearch.ie
REGISTRATION
There is a reduced registration fee of €100 prior to 30th April 2013. The full registration fee of €125 applies after this date, depending on availability. Registration is online by credit or laser card only.

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION
Abstracts should be submitted online by 28th March 2013.

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