

# Call for papers

## 6<sup>th</sup> National Child Protection and Welfare Social Work Conference

Call Opens: 16/1/17 Closes: 3/4/17 Decisions: 5/5/17

Masterclass: 26/10/17 Conference: 27/10/17

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### Welcome

The 6th National Child Protection and Welfare Social Work conference will take place at University College Cork on the 26th and 27th October. This conference is a not-for-profit collaboration between child protection and welfare social work teams in Tusla, the IASW Southern Branch and the School of Applied Social Studies, UCC. Visit our conference website to read about past conferences and to watch videos of past keynotes: <http://swconf.ucc.ie/videos/>

### Call for papers

The conference committee invites practitioners, academics, managers, service users, local community groups and social commentators to submit papers or workshop presentations on the theme for this conference. We especially welcome papers from practitioners which reflect issues arising in everyday practice. Your abstract will be peer-reviewed by one academic, one practitioner and the chairperson of the Scientific Committee. Preference will be given to presentations that present a unique study, practice innovation, policy etc. that has not been presented previously and which is aligned to the theme of the conference.

### Conference theme: Future directions for child protection and welfare: where to and why?

Child protection and welfare in Ireland is heading into a series of significant changes in the next 12-36 months: the introduction of mandatory reporting, the implementation of the NCCIS software system, the adoption of a new national approach to practice in child protection and welfare in Tusla, the mainstreaming of prevention and family support (PPFS), more separated children fleeing from conflict, a new edition of Children First, a proposed review of the Child Care Act 1991, and it is anticipated that there will be new legislation in the areas of adoption, domestic abuse and online safety. Are all of these changes bringing child protection and welfare in the right direction and why? Will there be opportunities for more relationship and social action-based social work as a result of these changes? What good practice innovations are taking place? What ideas and opinions do you have on these changes and the future direction of child protection and welfare?


### Presentation formats

Oral presentations: 15 minutes. Lightening talks: 7 minutes. Symposia: 1hr 30 mins (limited number). Please review our website for further details on presentation formats: <http://swconf.ucc.ie/call/>

### Submitting your abstract through Ex Ordo

Abstract should be submitted online through Ex Ordo: <https://swconf2017.exordo.com/login> from the 16/1/17. The closing date is the 3/4/17. Successful applicants will need to register for the conference by the 22/5/17. The *lead presenter* will be able to register to attend the conference for free. Should there be more than one speaker linked to a paper/symposium and all authors wish to attend the conference, additional presenters will also need to register by 22/5/17 and will be charged the regular registration price. The conference committee are not liable for any expenses incurred through attending and presenting at this conference.



Conference Venue:  
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