

CURA Conference 2010: Training Support Team

This year a group of 12 CURA Counsellors have worked on the planning, preparation, and delivery of the key training elements of the Conference programme. This group of volunteer counsellors have all completed the Certificate Course in Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Skills from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth..

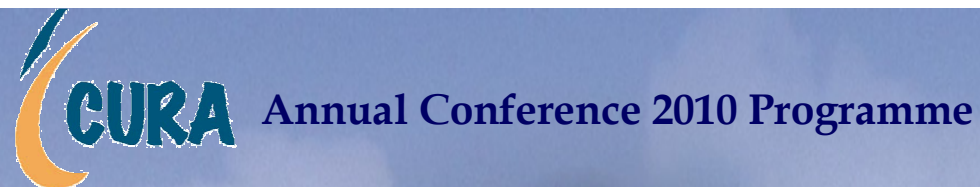
The Conference Support Team members are as follows:

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| Elibhe Heaphy, | CURA Cork |
| Denise Cott, | CURA Cork |
| Carmel Murphy, | CURA Cork |
| Angela Mullen, | CURA Monaghan |
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| Helen Feeney, | CURA Thurles |
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| Caroline O Shaughnessy, | CURA Galway |
| Noël Moylan, | CURA Kerry |
| Paula Sheils, | CURA Ennis |

A special thanks to the members of the Training Support Team for your commitment, expertise and experience.



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Key Themes in Crisis Pregnancy Counselling:

1. Adoption as an Option in Crisis Pregnancy Counselling
2. Role of the Father in Crisis Pregnancy Counselling

26th & 27th March Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

CURA CONFERENCE 2010 PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 26TH MARCH 2010

3:00pm - 5:00pm CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Venue: Hotel Lobby

5:30pm - 7:30pm 1. WELCOME
Philomena Maher, CURA Thurles & National Executive Committee
Louise Graham, CURA National Coordinator

2. OPEN FORUM Shay Ellis, Facilitator
Venue: Grace Suite - Second floor

8:00pm DINNER
Venue: Hoey Suite - First floor

SATURDAY 27TH MARCH 2010

Training Day for Cura Counsellors

9:30am WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

9:45am - 12.45pm CONFERENCE THEME 1.
'Adoption as an Option in Crisis Pregnancy Counselling'

Keynote Speaker: Berit Andersen, PACT
Venue: Hoey Suite - First floor

10:45am - 11:15am TEA/COFFEE
Venue: Siege Suite - Second floor

12:45pm - 2:15pm LUNCH
Venue: La Provence Restaurant - First floor

2:15pm - 4:15pm CONFERENCE THEME 2.
'Role of the Father in Crisis Pregnancy Counselling'

Keynote Speaker: Fergus Hogan, WIT
Venue: Hoey Suite - First floor

4:15pm - 4:30pm EVALUATION & CLOSE

5:00pm MASS Celebrated by Most Rev. John Fleming,
Bishop of Killala and President of CURA
Venue: Burke Suite - Second floor

6:00pm Tea/Coffee (with sandwiches)
Venue: Siege Suite - Second Floor

Conference Training Facilitator

Anne McCarthy

Anne is a training and development consultant who specialises in employer, organisation and adult education. She has a Law Degree from University College Cork, a Masters in Organisational Behaviour from University of Dublin, TCD and a Diploma in Group and Organisational Analysis from the London Institute for Group Analysis. She started her career in the Civil Service where she held a number of positions including Equal Opportunities manager. Anne is a registered Equality Auditor with the Equality Authority. For the past 10 years she has delivered Leadership and Management training to a range of client organisations, nationally and internationally, including local Government, third level Education Sector, European Commission and European Parliament. She is the lead tutor for the Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Skills Course delivered by National University of Ireland (NUI), Maynooth and funded by the HSE CPP.

Keynote Speakers

Berit Andersen



Berit has a background in Sociology which she studied at the University of Copenhagen prior to completing a Degree in International and Intercultural Social Work. Berit is a Senior Social Worker with the organisation Pact. Pact provides general crisis pregnancy counselling as well as being a registered Adoption Agency. Berit is a regular expert contributor on the topic of Adoption for the Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Skills Course delivered by NUI Maynooth and funded by the HSE Crisis Pregnancy Programme. Berit is from Denmark and has lived and worked in Ireland since 2005.

Fergus Hogan



Fergus Hogan is Coordinator of the Centre for Social and Family Research at Waterford Institute of Technology. He is a qualified Social Worker and Family Therapist. His research interests include the study of families, men's lives, masculinities and fatherhood. His recently published research projects include: Re-integration – Life After Prison (Irish Prison Service, Department of Justice, 2008), with Jonathan Culleton; Men, Sexuality and Crisis Pregnancy (Crisis Pregnancy Agency, Department of Health and Children, 2007) and Strengthening Families through Fathers (Family Support Agency, Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs, 2004) both with Professor Harry Ferguson; and Listening to Children: Children's Stories of Domestic Violence (Office of the Minister for Children, Department of Health and Children, 2007), with Máire O'Reilly. He serves on the Editorial Board of the International Sage Journal, Men and Masculinities and he has been appointed to the International Associate Board of Men and Masculinities Research Centre at Bradford University, UK. Fergus also inputs on the Role of the Father as part of the NUI Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Skills Course.