



An Bord Comhairleach um Achtanna na Leanaí
Children Acts Advisory Board

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8.00 – 9.15am: Registration – Tea/Coffee

Time	Content	Speaker
9.15 – 9.20	Welcome	
9.20 – 9.35	Opening Address	Barry Andrews, T.D., Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
9.35 – 11.15	'Building Restorative Communities'	Ted Wachtel and Estelle McDonald
11.15 – 11.45 Tea/Coffee		
11.45 – 13.15	'Building Restorative Communities' contd.	Ted Wachtel and Estelle McDonald
13.15 – 14.15 Lunch		
14.15 – 14.45	'The National Commission on Restorative Justice – Restorative Justice Encounters in the Irish Criminal Justice System'	Brian Fitzpatrick
14.45 – 15.00	'Restorative Justice – An Irish Policing Perspective'	Louis Harkin
15.00 – 15.30	'Restorative Practices – Positive Outcomes for Children living in Residential Care'	Marie Gribben and Eleanor Kelly
15.30 – 15.45	'Restorative Practice within a Detention School Setting'	Andy Bray
15.45 – 17.00	Panel Discussion	
17.00 – 17.10	Close	

Ted Wachtel is the President and Founder of the International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP), Pennsylvania, USA. He is also the founder of the Community Service Foundation and Buxmont Academy, schools for troubled youth. Ted co-authored the book *Toughlove*, a best seller for parents of troubled adolescents. He has been a guest speaker at conferences on restorative practices around the world and is co-author of *Conferecing Handbook, Restorative Practices Handbook for Teachers, Disciplinarians and Administrators* and the author of *Real Justice*, as well as numerous articles on restorative practices.

Estelle MacDonald is a head teacher of an inner city primary school in Hull, U.K. The school has been recognised for its outstanding work in restorative practices and emotional well being and was moved from being 'in special measures' in 2004, judged to be outstanding by Ofsted in 2006.

Estelle's work has inspired a whole-city project on restorative practices in Hull.

Brian Fitzpatrick is Director of the National Commission on Restorative Justice. He is a career civil servant serving previously as Director of Human Resources in the Irish Prison Service (2001 to 2007). He has also served in senior management positions in the Courts Service and the Courts and Equality Divisions of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform. Before joining the Department he served in the Department of Equality and Law Reform and the Department of Labour. He was a member of the Criminal Legal Aid Review Committee (1997 to 1999), the Board of the Employment Equality Agency (1993 to 1997) and the Travelling People Review Body (1981 to 1983). He is a graduate of UCD and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Development.

Louis Harkin has served in various stations in Dublin, the South West and North West of Ireland, the Garda Community Relations Section and the Garda College in Templemore. Attached to Garda Headquarters since 1998, he has had postings in the Strategic Management Initiative office, and the Change Management Unit.

Following appointment to the rank of Assistant Commissioner in May 2007 he took charge of the Strategy branch of An Garda Síochána. As part of his remit he has responsibility for Community Relations Section, Change Management Unit and the Garda College. He holds a B.A. in Public Administration, a MBS in Human Resource Strategies and is a Barrister at Law.

Marie Gribben has been involved in Social Work for over 30 years, she professionally qualified in 1980 and completed a Masters by Research in 1994. Marie has worked in Family and Child Care for all of her social work career, specialising in the area of Child Protection, and is a trained Systemic Practitioner. Marie has been a Children's Service Manager with Barnardos in Northern Ireland for 22 years and managed a Residential Unit for ten of those years. For the past ten years Marie has worked in the area of Restorative Practices through Family Group Conferencing (FGC), Education and in the past three years successfully developed the restorative approach in Children's Residential Units.

Marie lectures in FGC and Restorative Practices at both universities in Northern Ireland and was actively involved in the creation of the Postgraduate Diploma in Restorative Practices at University of Ulster. Marie has presented at Conferences in Ireland, the UK and Europe. She presented at the International Institute for Restorative Practices Conference in Sydney, Australia in 2005.

Eleanor Kelly's background is in Community Development with an emphasis on capacity building for families, young people and others within marginalised communities. She is a trained mediator and negotiator and as a licensed practitioner with 'Mediation Northern Ireland' has worked in Northern Ireland, England and Europe. Eleanor has designed and delivered programmes in Mediation and Negotiation Skills, Community Development and Women's Studies for Queen's University, Belfast and is a trained Systemic Practitioner. She joined Barnardo's in 2002, initially as a FGC Coordinator later moving into the Schools Restorative Project and in 2005 was invited to take the lead role in the development of the Restorative Model within the residential setting.

Andy Bray moved to Dublin from the U.K. in 2005 having spent the previous seven years serving as a police officer in Carlisle, Cumbria. During his time there he became involved in Restorative Justice through his work as a community beat officer and attended a Restorative Justice Conference Facilitators course. Andy was responsible for bringing a voluntary mediation group into the community to address the large number of neighbourhood disputes that were previously notified to the police and went on to establish restorative practices in a children's residential unit as well as using restorative practices at a Youth Attendance Centre. Andy is a Unit Manager at the Finglas Child and Adolescent Centre. As part of his role he co-ordinates mediation and restorative justice practices within the Centre.

Andy has completed a diploma in mediation and has passed the Mediators Institute of Ireland assessment for certificated members. He is currently working towards practitioner status. Andy is registered with the Coolock Community Law Centre as a volunteer mediator.