

## Presenters

**Ms. Michele Clarke**-Deputy Chief Inspector Social Service Inspectorate with Health Information & Quality Authority.

**Mr. Geoffrey Shannon**- Solicitor. Geoffrey Shannon is a Solicitor lecturer & senior lecturer in child law at the Law Society of Ireland. He has recently been appointed as the chairperson of the adoption board.

### SWIFC

**Ms. Jean Lyons** - One of the founder member of SWIFC & chairperson of SWIFC. Jean has worked in child & family services for 20 years and a foster support worker for 10 years.

**Mr. Cahal McHale** - is the assistant secretary of the SWIFC special interest group and has been involved in research in foster care in recent years. He is currently a team leader for foster care support with the HSE West in Donegal.

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GETTING IT RIGHT FOR CHILDREN (STANDARDS)

Irish Foster Care  
Association &  
Social Workers for  
Foster Care present:  
National Standards  
for Foster Care.  
"Working in  
Partnership,  
Raising the  
Standards"

Date: Friday 23rd May 2008

Time: 9.00 a.m. – 4.15 p.m.

Venue: Ardilaun Hotel/House,  
Taylors Hill, Galway.  
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Welcome to the annual May seminar, this year hosted jointly by Irish Foster Care Association & Social Workers in Foster Care (special interest group of Irish association of social workers)

The Standards have been identified by both groups as an area of interest. This seminar offers an opportunity to discuss the standards and their implications for foster carers and social workers.

### The Programme:

**9.00 a.m. Registration & Coffee.**

**9.30 a.m. Welcome – Jean Lyons  
Chairperson of SWIFC Group**

Chair morning session: Anne Rennison

**9.45 a.m. Ms. Michele Clarke-Deputy  
Chief Inspector, Social Service  
Inspectorate**

**10.15 a.m. Mr. Geoffrey Shannon-Legal  
aspect of inspections & standards**

**11.15 a.m. Coffee.**

**11.45 a.m. “The Structure of Foster Care  
Provision in Ireland”. SWIFC Survey.**

**12.30 p.m. Lunch.**

Chair of afternoon session: Cahal McHale

**1.30 p.m. Foster Carers & Social work-  
ers experience of being Inspected**

**3.00 p.m. Panel discussion**

**3.45 p.m. SWIFC AGM.**

### Booking Form

THE FEE FOR THE DAY INCLUDES REGISTRATION FEE, TEA/COFFEE & LUNCH.

Members ifca/iasw/swifc €100

Non Members €130

Student rate 50

**The total amount due must accompany the booking form.  
Receipts will be issued on request.**

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