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IASW in the News

IASW & AGE ACTION IRELAND

A [joint letter](#) from the IASW & Age Action Ireland on the lack of appropriate community based services for older people and the almost exclusive focus on residential care was published in the Irish Times.

Last Call for Abstracts for IASW National Social Work Conference!!!

The IASW National Conference would like to invite abstracts for submission to its annual conference on the 5th June 2015 under the conference theme 'Building Professional Resilience'. We welcome two types of submission:

1. Oral Presentations (10 minutes)
2. Poster presentations

Please send your submissions to office@iasw.ie by Friday, 15th May. Click [here](#) for further details.

Practitioner Researcher SIG - First Galway

Dear member

This month, our focus has been on preparing for the Social Work Awards and the National Social Work Conference & the Association's AGM. On behalf of the Board I would like to offer my congratulations to everyone who was nominated for an award. It has been an inspiring experience simply reviewing the submissions that have been made and as you read this our judging panel are making their final deliberations which I'm sure will prove to be a challenging task given the calibre of the entrants! **The Awards night** promises to be an exciting one and a great opportunity to celebrate our profession. Given the focus on the increasing pressures that social workers are under, particularly within Tusla, we decided that this year the Conference would focus on Building Professional Resilience. We have an excellent line up of speakers and the day that should help strengthen you both personally and professionally. [Book your place now!](#)



We have also lent our support to the campaign seeking a Yes in the Marriage referendum by calling on you, the members, to vote Yes on May 22nd. Click [here](#) to view the full statement on the issue on the website.

Congratulations to Mary G Killon (SWAMH) and Nicola Byrne (CAMHS) and their respective committees for organising a successful joint Adult and Child & Adolescent Mental Health Conference in April, which Minister Lynch addressed. The Association has already linked in with the Minister's office to ensure she follows through with the promises she made to social workers in her speech!

And finally, I would like to thank the Board of 2014/15 for all their hard work over the year. We set ourselves an ambitious work schedule and people put their shoulder to the wheel and gave generously of their time. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you in June at the Social Work Awards and the National Social Work Conference.

Dónal O'Malley, IASW Chair

Social Work Registration Board publishes Standards and Requirements for Continuous Professional Development

The SWRB at CORU has recently published its Standards and Requirements for CPD. The core requirements are as follows:

1. A registrant must engage in a range of CPD activities on an on-going basis
2. A registrant must complete 60 CPD credits in each 24-month cycle

Meeting

The meeting will take place from 2.30 - 4 on Wednesday, 27th May in Aras Moyola, NUI Galway - room number to be confirmed. All are welcome to attend. No need to register.

Set up to support social workers to contribute to development of professional knowledge base, to develop new skills and to meet CPD requirements of registration.

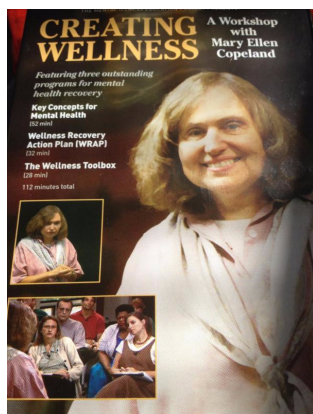
JOIN US!!!



Find out more about the benefits of membership

DVD Library

The DVD library is finally up and running! Information about how to borrow and a (currently short!) list of titles can be found in the resources section of our website. Please get in touch with cpdofficer@iasw.ie with suggestions for DVDs & a big thank you to all those who suggested titles so far



New Drug and Alcohol Resource for Social Workers

The National Documentation Centre on Drug Use have developed a new resource for social workers to help them find the most recent research and evidence on drug and alcohol use. The collection includes Irish publications supplemented

3. A registrant must demonstrate that their CPD activities are relevant to their professional role and mindful of current and future practice. CPD is based on a self directed review of their knowledge, skills, performance and professional qualities in the context of their professional practice
4. A registrant must maintain an up to date CPD portfolio. The CPD portfolio must include:
 - Description of current professional role and practice setting
 - Personal learning plan
 - Record of CPD activities
 - Reflections on a number of CPD activities
 - Evidence of undertaking CPD activities

5. A registrant must, upon request from the Social Workers Registration Board, submit their CPD portfolio (which must be their own work and supported by evidence) for periodic audits of compliance with the CPD standard and requirements.

The Association is currently developing measures to advise and support members to be able to demonstrate how they have met these requirements:

- The IASW CPD policy and log are under review so as to complement the CORU SWRB CPD requirement framework. The revised policy and log will be circulated to members only to support IASW members in building their CPD portfolio and providing evidence that they have met the CPD requirements for registration
- The CPD section at www.iasw.ie has been updated and will continue to be the reference point in providing information and updates regarding CPD
- The IASW CPD officer will continue to meet with teams and groups of social workers nationwide to provide seminars and Q&A sessions on CPD as required.
- The Association will continue to deliver seminars, training and conferences at a significantly reduced rate to members and will advise on other relevant CPD events.
- Provision of advice and information regarding matters relating to CPD and registration
- Liaise effectively and regularly on behalf of members and the social work profession with CORU. The IASW will seek members opinions and feedback regarding all CORU SWRB draft documents and policy developments.

Visit the CPD section at www.iasw.ie for regular updates and information and/or visit www.coru.ie. The IASW will keep its members advised and informed of further developments.

IASW Call for Board Members for the 2015/2016 Term

Our current board members need your help in identifying and connecting to a wider pool of potential Board Members. **That's why we are turning to you!** As a member of the IASW, you can provide the Board with an opportunity to broaden our network and identify people who may be interested in serving the IASW. The Board of Directors is charged with providing vision and direction for the Association. Through the work of Association and the SIGs, the Board engages with the membership to maximize the IASW role in advancing social work. Click [here](#) for further information.

IASW Upcoming Events

To secure your place at an IASW event, you will need to book and pay online. You can do this by visiting the relevant events page on the website, clicking on the **Book Now** button at the top of the page and completing the booking form.

Members will notice that in 2015 they pay even less for events than non-members, one of the many benefits of membership.

by key international publications. As drug and alcohol issues impact on so many aspects of daily life (parenting, homelessness, mental health, etc.) publications on related topics can be found in this section. Visit the [practitioner](#) section of www.drugsandalcohol.ie for more

How to Conduct Research for Service Improvement

The Research Sub-Group of the HSE Health and Social Care Professions Education and Development Advisory Group recently launched a Guidebook for Health and Social Care Professionals. Click [here](#) to view.

Legislation & Policy

The Children and Family Relationships Act was signed into law by the President on Easter Monday. Click [here](#) to view

First National Joint Social Work in Mental Health Conference



From left to right...
Gloria Kirwan, Margo Wrigley,
Nicola Byrne, Minister
Kathleen Lynch, Mary G
Killion, Dónal O'Malley



From left to right... Margo
Wrigley, Minister Kathleen
Lynch, Gloria Kirwan



Motivational Interviewing

Friday, 15th May from 9.30 - 1.00

St Andrews Resource Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin

€5 members/€15 non-members

Hilda Loughran will facilitate this seminar

2.5 CPD points have been awarded

Social Work Awards 2015

Thursday, 4th June from 7pm

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin 4

€30 members/ €60 non-members

Presentation of the awards will follow a three-course dinner

Building Professional Resilience - IASW National Social Work Conference & AGM

Friday, 5th June from 9.00 - 4.30

Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin

€20 members/ €40 non-members/ €10 students

Price includes lunch and refreshments

This year's conference puts a focus on the factors that contribute to building resilience in the social work profession, both individually and collectively, and aims to create a space where we can think about how to respond and adapt constructively to stress and adversity. We're delighted to announce the keynote speakers

- **Dr. Pamela Trevithick**, Visiting Professor in Social Work at Buckinghamshire New University
- **Martin Webber**, Anniversary Reader in Social Work and Director of the International Centre for Mental Health Social Research at the University of York
- **Martin Mc Cormack**, Head of Operations, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

Further details are available on www.iasw.ie

Interdisciplinary CPD conference - Booking now open

Monday, 22nd June from 8.45 - 5.00

Education, Research and Training Centre, Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the IASW - June 5, 2015

The Annual General Meeting of The National Social Work Organisation of Ireland, trading as the IASW will be held on Friday 5 June at 4:00 p.m. at the Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8. Click [here](#) for further information on voting, motions, nominations for the Board of Directors, etc.

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