

# NIID

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A two-day summer course

## The Path Process

### ..A person-centred planning tool

*Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope (PATH)* is a futures planning tool. Come and experience this training which makes planning come alive.

**Dates:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008

**Time:** 9.30am – 4.00pm (Tea & coffee available from 9.00am)

**Fee:** €300

**Venue:** National Institute for Intellectual Disability  
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## About PATH

PATH is a person centred planning tool to graphically map out a desirable future for an individual with or without a disability. Part of the unique strength of this process is the colourful visual record that is created which is dynamic, affirming, motivating and action oriented. PATH specifies achievable goals and clarifies the first steps for their implementation.



**PATH** explores and identifies:

- the current situation
- short and long term goals
- where support may come from
- possible obstacles
- first steps for action

**PATH** is an action template, graphic imagery and facilitated discussion lead to positive plans that achieve commitment and generate outcomes. Such plans can be facilitated for individuals, groups and organizations



## This workshop

This workshop teaches the skills for both creating the graphic record and for facilitating the process. The PATH process is a means of meeting the individual planning requirements as laid down in the Disability Act (2004) and the Education for Persons with Special Needs Act (2004).

## Who should attend?

Human Service Staff, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, Counsellors, Psychologists, Therapists and others involved in the helping professions.

## The Facilitators

Deborah Espiner, Principal Lecturer, University of Auckland, New Zealand and Ray Murray, Research Associate, NIID, TCD (formerly Auckland College of Education, New Zealand) have had extensive experience in training Human Service Personnel, Teachers (both Regular & Special Education) Parents, Training Consultants, Psychologists, Therapists and others in the PATH process throughout New Zealand, Australia and more recently in Ireland.