School of Social Work and Social Policy
Continuing Professional Development
Spring-Summer 2019 Programme

The School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin is pleased to launch its 2019 Spring/Summer CPD programme which offers a diverse range of CPD seminars and events. This programme builds on the School’s tradition of social work education, its successful Evening Lecture Series and online CPD programmes.

Through its CPD activities the School aims to provide social workers and professionals in health and social care settings with up-to-date, evidence-based knowledge to enhance their practice.

This Spring/Summer programme offers seminars in Critical Reflective Practice, Trauma Informed Practice and Domestic Homicide and Risk Assessment. A public lecture on Safeguarding Risks with Vulnerable Adolescents is also offered along with free sessions on how to record your CPD. Please see below for information on these activities and speakers along with information on registration. We hope to see you on the Trinity College Dublin campus this Spring and Summer.
Thursday April 4th  Room 3074, 3rd Floor Arts Building  6.00-7.00pm  FREE

Addressing Complex Safeguarding Risks with Vulnerable Adolescents

Monday April 29th  Room 2041A, ground floor Arts Building

Critical Reflective Practice  1.30pm-4.00pm

Dr Stan Houston, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin

This seminar will focus on outlining a model of reflexivity for social work that I have developed conceptually and empirically. The model can be used to enhance anti-oppressive social work practice and recognize the significance of difference in social work. The model draws on psycho-social theory to articulate a number of psychological and social domains of experience.

Followed by

Recording your CPD  4.00pm-4.30pm FREE

Dr Julie Byrne, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin

This short session will help you put in place a simple system for recording your CPD activities. It is likely to be of particular interest to registered professionals required to maintain records of CPD as part of their Code of Professional Conduct. The session will cover the CPD cycle and how to document your engagement with each stage of the cycle.

Tuesday May 7th  TRISS Seminar Room, 6th Floor Arts Building

Trauma Informed Practice  10.00am-12.00pm

Dr Erna O‘Connor, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin
Gary Broderick, Director of the SAOL Project

This seminar examines how trauma informed practice is defined, why it is important and how it shapes day to day interactions with service users. Key principles of a trauma-informed approach are identified. The benefits and challenges of developing a trauma informed service are discussed drawing on the experience of the team at Dublin’s Saol Project.

Followed by

Recording your CPD  12.00pm-12.30pm FREE

Dr Julie Byrne, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin

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Domestic Homicide Review

Davina James Hanman

This seminar will provide a brief overview of the DHR process in England and Wales but will also draw on the differences in other jurisdictions. However, the key focus will be on what makes a good DHR, how they can be made effective, pitfalls to avoid and examples of what changes are resulting from DHRs.

Risk Assessment & Management Processes for Police Responses to Domestic Violence

Dr Stephanie Holt, Associate Professor, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin
Dr Lynne Cahill, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin

International strategies to address domestic violence and reduce homicide risk include the introduction of standardised risk assessment and management tools. While these are currently utilised in many states across the world, to date these tools have not been introduced in a systematic and standardised manner in Ireland. This presentation draws on international research evidence on risk assessment and management with a focus on what works and why.
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<td><strong>Stephanie Holt</strong> is an Associate Professor and Head of School, in the School of Social Work &amp; Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin. Her academic and research interests include; domestic violence, intimate partner homicide and risk assessment, child contact, child care and family support. She has a particular interest in ascertaining and representing the voice of the child in research.</td>
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<td><strong>Dr Erna O'Connor</strong> is Assistant Professor of Social Work, Director of the Master in Social Work programme and Fieldwork Co-ordinator at the School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College, Dublin. Prior to this Erna worked as a social worker in drug treatment and HIV services and as a social work team leader in Beaumont Hospital. Her PhD research focused social work responses to trauma and bereavement.</td>
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<td><strong>Lynne</strong> recently completed her PhD in the School of Social Work &amp; Social Policy. Her research explored the experience of intimate partner abuse for women in same sex relationships. Lynne’s research interests include gender and sexuality, female perpetration of violence and sexual violence, particularly intimate partner abuse in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender relationships.</td>
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<td><strong>Dr. Julie Byrne</strong> is Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work and Social Policy and course director of Trinity’s first wholly online course, the Postgraduate Diploma in Social Policy and Practice. She studied management at Dublin City University and University College Dublin before completing her PhD. at the University of Limerick, researching professional careers. Her current research projects include the career transitions of newly qualified social workers, transformation trajectories in online education and the impact of electronic communications on professional practice.</td>
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Davina James-Hanman is an independent Violence Against Women Consultant. She was formerly the Director of AVA (Against Violence & Abuse) for 17 years, which she took up following five years at L.B. Islington as the first local authority Domestic Violence Co-ordinator in the UK. From 2000-08, she had responsibility for developing and implementing the first London Domestic Violence Strategy for the Mayor of London. This included the introduction and subsequent monitoring of risk assessments within the Police. Davina has been involved with DHRs since their inception in the UK. In 2011, she was appointed to be part of the Home Office quality assurance process has been the Chair and Report Author for over 25 DHRs as well as authoring several IMRs.

Gary Broderick is the Director of the SAOL Project, a service working with women who use/d drugs. He is a part-time lecturer on addiction in UCD and NUIM. Gary believes strongly that addiction is the shared responsibility of all of society and is a normal reaction to social isolation, trauma and poverty. Meeting trauma and violence on a daily basis in SAOL has been influential in his work in promoting Trauma Informed Practice in the addiction field.

Professor Michelle Lefevre is a leading social work educator and researcher un the UK/ She also has a stronf background in professional practice. Michelle was Editor-in-Chief of ' Child and Family Social Work' 2014-18 and was deputy Editor of 'Social Work Education' 2009-14.

Dr Stan Houston is Assistant Professor in Social Work at the School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin. His professional background lies in child and family social work where he practised in various roles for over 20 years. His academic interests focus on the application of critical social theory and philosophy to social work practice. He is also interested in developing social work practice through action research.
Course Staff

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