

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

The Parallel Sessions at the conference are made up of paper presentations and workshops. Please see the detailed list of speakers and their topics in your conference pack and at [www.cpvireland.ie](http://www.cpvireland.ie). The conference themes for the parallel sessions are: *Making the Invisible Visible, Service and/or Training Development in Response to Family Violence, Innovative Policy and Research in Response to Family Violence and Child to Parent Violence- Challenges for Practitioners*. We hope all delegates will have an opportunity to join in discussions and gain insights from our selection of speakers at the keynote and parallel sessions. Please check the panels in the main foyer of Aras Moyola for the workshops for which you are registered.

### The Responding to Child to Parent Violence (RCPV) project

Led by Dr Paula Wilcox and Michelle Pooley, the RCPV project has been designed to raise awareness about Child to Parent Violence and to contribute to the development of evidence influenced responses to this problem. The project also involves assessing two existing intervention models (Break4Change and Non Violent Resistance) across 5 European countries (Bulgaria, England, Ireland, Spain and Sweden). Break4Change is a specialist intervention programme for CPV with parallel groups for parents and young people. The Non Violent Resistance (NVR) programme is developed as a structured intervention for practitioners working with parents who are living with Child to Parent Violence.

The project has received co-funding from the European Commission, Directorate- General Justice under the Daphne III programme which aims to contribute to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence and attain a high level of health protection, well-being and social cohesion.



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# Child to Parent Violence: Innovations in Practice, Policy and Research

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*Daphne RCPV Project Conference*

**CHILD TO PARENT VIOLENCE: INNOVATIONS IN PRACTICE, POLICY AND RESEARCH  
PROGRAMME DAY ONE  
THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2014**

**8:45-9:30 Registration/Tea & Coffee**

9:30-9:45 Welcoming Delegates to the Conference  
Caroline McGregor, Professor of Social Work, School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway, Ireland

9:45-10:00 Official Opening of the Conference

Norah Gibbons, Chairperson, Child and Family Agency, Ireland

10:00-11:15 The Responding to Child to Parent Violence (RCPV) Project

Paula Wilcox, Reader in Criminology, University of Brighton, England with Rosemary Fox, the Probation Service Ireland, Martyn Stoner and Pam Nicholls, Break4Change, England.

**11:15-11:30 Tea & Coffee**

11:30-12:30 Morning Parallel Sessions and Workshops  
Papers and Workshops presentations in relation to the conference themes.

**12:30-13:45 Lunch**

13:45-15:15 Experiences in Bulgaria, Spain and Sweden: Panel Discussion facilitated by Declan Coogan

15:15-16:15 Afternoon Parallel Sessions and Workshops  
More Papers and Workshops presentations in relation to the conference themes.

**16:15-16:30 Tea & Coffee**

16:30-17:30 Non Violent Resistance and a Focus on the Child: reconciliation in the service of restoring ruptured relationships while effectively resisting harmful behaviour

Peter Jakob, Consultant Clinical Psychologist / Systemic Family Therapist, England

**17:30-18:15 Welcome Reception  
20:30 Social Gathering in City Centre**

**CHILD TO PARENT VIOLENCE: INNOVATIONS IN PRACTICE, POLICY AND RESEARCH  
PROGRAMME DAY TWO  
FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2014**

9:45-11:00 Transforming our Lives: developing respectful relationships between children and parents/carers  
Michelle Pooley, Daphne Responding to Child to Parent Violence Co-ordinator and Break4Change Co-ordinator, Brighton & Hove City Council, England

**11:00-11:15 Tea & Coffee**

11:15-12:15 Violence to Parents: The Blame Game  
Eddie Gallagher, Psychologist, Social Worker, Family Therapist, Melbourne, Australia

12:15-13:00 From a Parent's Perspective. Rita O'Reilly, CEO Parentline, Ireland

13:00-13:05 Closing of Conference: Paula Wilcox

13:05-13:30 Launch of the Non Violent Resistance Handbook for Practitioners - Responding to Child to Parent Violence in Practice  
Brid Featherstone, Professor of Social Work, Open University, England

**The Non Violent Resistance Handbook for Practitioners will be made available to delegates free of charge at the official launch.**

**13:30-14:30 Lunch**

\*Conference programme subject to change

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Prof. Caroline McGregor: Welcoming Delegates to the Conference**

Caroline has lead responsibility for Social Work in the School and is Director of the MA in Social Work Programme. Her research interests include: child protection and welfare social work; history of the present methodologies; critical social theory and young people leaving care.

**Ms. Norah Gibbons: Official Opening of the Conference**

Norah worked for many years in social work in both the statutory and voluntary sectors in England and Ireland. She was the Director of Advocacy at Barnardos from 2005 to 2012. She was a member of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse from 2000-2009. She chaired the Confidential Committee of the Commission from 2000 to 2005, and the Roscommon Child Abuse Inquiry in 2009. She co-chaired the Independent Child Death Review Group with Dr Geoffrey Shannon from 2011 to 2012. She was a member of the Taskforce on the Establishment of the Child and Family Agency. She is currently a member of Acknowledgement Forum of Historical Abuse Inquiry in Northern Ireland.

**Dr. Paula Wilcox: The Responding to Child to Parent Violence (RCPV) Project**

Paula Wilcox researches and publishes in the fields of violence against women and family violence. She has led over ten funded research projects and has over twenty publications. She is active in the European Society for Criminology and the International Sociological Association (ISA) and chaired the 'Cultural Criminology' strand at the XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology, RC29 Deviance and Social Control, Gothenburg, Sweden, 11-17 July 2010. She is currently Principal Investigator for the European Union Daphne funded research project 'Responding to Child to Parent Violence' 2013-15.

**Mr. Declan Coogan - Panel Facilitator: Experiences in Bulgaria, Spain and Sweden**

Declan is a lecturer in social work in the School of Political Science at NUI Galway and the Lead for the RCPV Project in Ireland. He has developed and continues to facilitate 2 day evidence and practice based training programme on Non Violent Resistance for Child to Parent Violence for practitioners. Declan graduated with a Masters in Social Work from Queens University Belfast and worked for almost fourteen years as a social worker in community care child protection and family welfare and in child and adolescent mental health service teams before starting his work at NUI Galway.

**Dr. Peter Jakob: Non Violent Resistance and a Focus on the Child: reconciliation in the service of restoring ruptured relationships while effectively resisting harmful behaviour**

Peter is a clinical psychologist and systemic therapist with over 30 years of experience with trauma and abuse. Having introduced NVR to the UK, he has adapted the approach for heavily traumatised, multi-stressed families. His work with looked-after children has inspired him to develop a child focus in NVR. Peter is a prolific national and international presenter.

**Ms. Michelle Pooley: Transforming our Lives - developing respectful relationships between children and parents/carers**

Since 2013, Michelle has co-ordinated the Daphne Responding to Child to Parent Violence (RCPV) programme for Brighton & Hove City Council and was one of the co-writers of the bid that gained this European Union funding. Michelle has led and supported the development of the Break4Change group based model since 2009 in Brighton & Hove. Michelle is a community development, domestic and sexual violence practitioner. She has also worked in and managed a number of non-government organisations and worked as the Domestic Violence Strategic Co-ordinator for Brighton & Hove City Council.

**Mr. Eddie Gallagher: Violence to Parents - The Blame Game**

Eddie has been working for 40 years with families and young people, interested in family violence for most of that time. For the past 20 years he has been working with families where there is violence towards parents. He has clinical data on over 400 families where children are abusing parents and has presented many times on this subject.

**Ms. Rita O'Reilly: From a Parent's Perspective**

Parentline is a national helpline for parents - offering support, information and guidance on all aspects of parenting in confidence and without judgement. Since it opened more than thirty years ago more than 100,000 parents have called the organisation. Parentline is well placed to identify the issues that concern parents and to recognise the changing trends in those issues. Rita has been CEO of Parentline for 12 years.

**Prof. Brid Featherstone: Launch of The Non Violent Resistance Handbook for Practitioners**

Brid has been qualified as a social worker since the early 1980s and worked with young offenders and in child protection. She carried out extensive research with parents, mothers and fathers, on their experiences of child protection processes. Her publications include Contemporary Fathering: Theory, Policy and Practice published by Policy Press in 2009 and Re-imagining child protection: towards humane social work with families also published by Policy Press in April, 2014.