Along with the National University of Ireland Galway and COPE Galway Waterside House, the multi-agency research and service delivery groups include the University of Brighton, Brighton and Hove City Council, Instituto de Investigacion Polibienestar- Universitat de Valencia (UVEG) in Spain, the National Association XXI Century Rhodopa Mountain Initiative in Bulgaria and Amal Municipality in Sweden.

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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.cpviceireland.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.

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Caroline McGregor, Professor of Social Work, School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway, Ireland
9:45-10:00 Official Opening of the Conference
Michelle Pooley, Daphne Responding to Child to Parent Violence Co-ordinator and Break4Change Co-ordinator, Brighton & Hove City Council
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 Storer and Pam Nichols, Break4Change, England.
11:15-12:30 Tea & Coffee
11:30-12:30 Morning Parallel Sessions and Workshops
Papers and Workshops presentations in relation to the conference themes.
12:30-12:45 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
Eddie Gallagher, Psychologist, Social Worker, Family Therapist, Melbourne, Australia
17:30-18:15 Welcome Reception
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19:30-20:30 Social gathering in City Centre
Programme day Two
Friday 13 June 2014
9:45-11:00 Transforming our Lives: developing respectful relationships between children and parents. Panel discussion with representatives from the following organisations: The Responding to Child to Parent Violence (RCPV) Project, Parentline, London, UK and the Roscommon Child Abuse Inquiry, Ireland.
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