

NDA Annual Conference 2011: “People with disabilities participating fully and safely in the community”

Croke Park Stadium, Jones Road, Dublin

9:00am–4:30pm, Thursday, 13th October 2011

National Disability Authority

The National Disability Authority (NDA) is the lead state agency on disability issues, providing independent expert advice to Government on policy and practice.

The NDA hosts an annual conference in which it aims to highlight and disseminate relevant and topical research and policy analysis.

Conference theme

The aim of NDA Annual Conference 2011 is to showcase national and international policies, practices, and initiatives that promote participation, independence, and safety, for people with disabilities living in the community.

Who should attend?

- Government Departments and public bodies
- Disability organisations and service providers
- People with disabilities, their families, and carers

Venue

The venue is Croke Park Stadium, Jones Road, Dublin. For more information on the stadium, directions, and public transport options, please see <http://www.crokepark.ie>



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Agenda

9:30am	Welcome Peter McKevitt, Chairperson, NDA
9:45am	Speech Minister Kathleen Lynch, T.D., Minister of State with special responsibility for Disability, Equality and Mental Health
10:00am	Session 1 (Chair: Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Director, Office for Disability & Mental Health) “People with disabilities making choices about their services and support” Professor Caroline Glendinning, Professor of Social Policy at the University of York’s Social Policy Research Unit
11:00am	Coffee
11:30am	Session 2 (Chair: Gerard Quinn, Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the National University of Ireland Galway School of Law)
11:35am	“Building community capacity: the economic case” Annette Bauer, Research Officer at the Personal Social Services Research Unit at the London School of Economics and Political Science
12:05pm	“Measuring and improving outcomes of independent living” Valerie Bradley, President of the Human Services Research Institute
12:35pm	“Working with families to develop person-centred programmes and inclusive lives” Rachel Johnson, Director of Mamre in Brisbane, Australia
1:05pm	Buffet lunch

<p>2:15pm</p>	<p>Workshop 1: “Using assistive technology to participate fully in the community” Chair: Dr Gerald Craddock, Chief Officer in the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “How technology can help people with disabilities to manage their health independently” Stephen Johnson, Deputy Director, Head of Long-Term Conditions, UK Department of Health 2. “Using assistive technology to live independently” Dara Woods, Assist Ireland, Citizens Information Board, and Elfrieda Carroll, Manager, Sign Language Interpreting Service (SLIS) 3. “Assistive technology in the homes of people with dementia” Mary Connolly, Practice Development Officer, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland 4. “Mainstream technology helping people with disabilities to communicate” Lisa Domican, Co-Developer of “Grace App for Autism” 	<p>Workshop 2: “Sexuality, Parenting and Family Relationships” Chair: Gert Job, co-founder of the Irish Sex Education Network (now Connecting People Network)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “What we want: research findings on sexuality and relations among people with intellectual disabilities” Inclusive Research Network 2. “Reform of the 1993 Sexual Offences Act” Patricia Rickard-Clarke, Commissioner with the Law Reform Commission 3. “Parenting and disability” Dr Harriet Clarke, Lecturer, Social Work and Social Policy, Institute of Applied Social Studies, University of Birmingham 4. “Supporting families in which parents have disabilities” Beth Tarleton, Research Fellow at the Norah Fry Research Centre, University of Bristol 	<p>Workshop 3: “Choice and Control: Person Centred Budgets in the UK” Chair: Cate Hartigan, Assistant National Director, Disability Services, HSE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Case study: ‘Right to Control’ Trailblazers” Justin Hammond, Project Manager in Leicester City Council 2. “Case study: ‘Right to Control’ Trailblazers” Jude Wells, Service Manager Personalisation and Consultation in Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council 3. “Case study: Increasing choice and control through individualised service funds” Sarah Ward, Social Care Transformation Manager, Adult & Community Services Department, Hartlepool Borough Council 	<p>Workshop 4: “Building safe communities” Chair: Éimear Fisher, Executive Director of Cosc</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Safeguarding and Personalisation” John Waters, Research and Evaluation Lead, In Control 2. “Disability and safety: rights, risks, and layers of influence” Dr Chih Hoong Sin, Principal, Stakeholder Engagement and Analytical Studies Unit, Office for Public Management 3. “Preventing and responding to violence against people with disabilities: a community development strategy” Doris Rajan, Director of Social Development and Public Education at Canadian Association for Community Living
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4:00pm	Panel discussion
4:15pm	Closing remarks Siobhan Barron, Director, NDA
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