



*Christmas Greetings
and Best Wishes for the
Coming Year*

*Beannachtaí na Nollag
is gach dea-ghuí i
gcomhair na h-
athbhliana*

International Committee Convention 19-20th April 2008

Those members of the International Committee who can travel to Ireland in April are holding a Convention to discuss IFDCO moving forward with matters that are important for Family Childcare and to provide input into Ireland hosting the International Conference in Cork, 22nd-25th July 2009.

If you as a member have any issues that should be brought to the Internal Committee's attention, please let us know and they will go on the agenda at the Convention.

International Research Project

Attention Childminders of 3 - Year Olds!

As part of the preparation for the International Family Daycare Organisation Conference in University College Cork 22nd - 25th July 2009, Dr. Malene Karlsson (Sweden) is co-ordinating a major project to ascertain what's going for a three year old child in family day care.

The project is very simple for the child and the Childminder! It is hoped that a large number of Childminders caring for a child who has a third birthday during the early part of 2008 will participate.

The elements of the project are :

1. The Childminder explains the project to the parents and obtains their consent to the child's participation
2. The Childminder receives a small notebook and records the interactions experienced by the child during one week (e.g. a visitor to the childminder's home, a person the child meets during an outing, a phone-conversation in the childminder's home, a sustained interaction with another child, etc. etc.)
3. The child receives a disposable camera and takes pictures of their choice outdoors.
4. The Childminder has the photos developed and numbers them on the back, then encourages the child to talk about the photos, suggesting titles etc.
5. The Childminder records the child's comments about the photos in the notebook and writes the titles on the back of the photos
6. The Childminder returns the photos and notebook to the local project co-ordinator.

Dr. Malene will link the findings in Ireland with those of 3 year olds in other countries and will present this project in Cork in 2009 at the IFDCO International Conference

If you are willing to participate - then please contact Patricia Murray by texting " ifdco photo project" to 086 8530303 or by e-mail to pmurray@childminding.ie

Programme for 2009 Conference

Triennial Conference 22nd - 25th July 2009 University College - Cork - Ireland

Monday Pre-Conference Options : Sightseeing - Dublin
20th July Dublin - Trinity College - Shopping - Abbey Theatre

Tuesday Coach trip to Cork from Dublin
21st July Visiting An Cosán Centre, Jobstown
Rock of Cashel - Blarney Castle - Cork City

Wednesday Cork City
22nd July Visit Family Day Care Providers (Childminders) Cork
Cobh Cathedral and Heritage Centre
5pm University College Cork - Conference Opening
Followed by Reception

Thursday Conference - Keynotes and Seminars
23rd July 9.30 - 4.30

Friday 9.30 - 1pm Keynotes and Seminars
24th July 2pm - 4pm IFDCO AGM

8pm Gala Dinner and Entertainment or Traditional Music

Saturday Conference - 9.30am to 4.30pm
25th July 5pm Sightseeing Cork City
Coach to Killarney - Scenic Route via West Cork

A variety of accommodation is available in Dublin and within walking distance of University College Cork. www.goire.com

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