



Patricia Murray, President, IFDCO and Clodagh O' Keefe launching IFDCO Conference countdown

Dear IFDCO Members,

Conference preparations are now finalised and the Registration Form, which includes the exciting list of seminar presentations.

We have a very welcome addition to the Conference on 25<sup>th</sup> July. Professor Jacqueline Barnes, (Eire) (UK) will present on the major UK Family Day Care

Grace McDonald (Australia) has sent an interesting paper on

Geraldine O'Donnell and Siobhan Kennedy from *Ireland* are working hard and closely with a professional events management company to organise registrations and all the other arrangements associated with the tours in Ireland a memorable so they have busy jobs in *Ch...* time.

The Conference will also enable the Triennial of IFDCO to take place (Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July) to look at the Constitution of IFDCO (see the feedback – input – suggestions for inclusion meeting). Also, please consider going forward to the International Executive Committee. All the items between Conferences/Triennial General Meeting to offer suggestions to the President and the items you would like included on the Agenda know as soon as possible. The draft agenda

I hope that you can come to Ireland, we have a conference at this time, from all over the world a wonderful event for Childminders, providers and their supporters, trainers and advocates.

Patricia Murray  
IFDCO International President  
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## Conference Programme



### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

19:30 Theatre Dublin

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

10:00 Coach To Cork and Visit to An Cosan & Rock of Cashel

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

10:00 Blarney Castle & Woollen Mills

16:00 Conference Opening and Address

**Barry Andrews T.D., Minister for Children**

16:30 **Keynote Address: Francis Douglas**, Professor of Early Childhood Studies in University College Cork. His main interest is in early years education and care having published at national level on the role of the state as patron of IPPA, he has a particular affinity with the playgroup movement.

He co-directed the externally funded UCC Early Years Curriculum Project (Project EYE) and co-directs the UCC Early Years Programme.

17:30 Social Reception

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

8.30 Registration

9:00 **Lord Mayor of Cork – Welcome Address**

9:15 **Keynote Address: Sylva Langford**

Director General, Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in Ireland and is a well known Champion of children and young people.

10:00 **Keynote Address: Professor Guy Claxton**

Professor of the Learning Sciences, Co-Director: Centre for Real-Work Learning, University of Winchester, UK. He is the originator of the highly praised 'Real-Work Learning' approach to the creation of learning cultures in schools.

11:00 Tea/Coffee

11:30 Choice of Seminars / **Master Class – Guy Claxton**

13:00 Lunch

14:15 **Keynote Address: Erik Sigsgaard**

Senior researcher, assistant professor in institutionalisation of modern childhood. He wants to share his views on what makes a good family day-care. He argues that family day-care deinstitutionalises itself, in the good family day-care the children are assisted more than they are raised and in the good family day-care the children are raised more than they are assisted.

15:15 Choice of Seminars / IFDCO AGM / Cobh Tour

16:30 - 17:45 Choice of Seminars

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

8:30 Registration

9:00 **Keynote Address: Dr. Thelma Harms,**

FPG Child Development institute, University North Carolina. USA.

The Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale - Developed and Revised

10:00 **Keynote Address: Ronnie Hill,**

Director Children's Services Regulation, Care Commission. Scotland. Do Childminders make the Grade? A risk based proportionate approach to childminding.

11:00 Tea/Coffee

11:30 Choice of Seminar / **Master Class – Dr Thelma Harms**

13:00 Lunch

14:15 **Keynote Address: Judy Layland,**

University of Otago College of Education, Dunedin, New Zealand. Affordance of Participation Rights for Children in Home-Based Education and Childminding

15:15 Choice of Seminars

16:30 -17:45 Choice of Seminars

19:30 Gala Dinner or Food, Drink & Music Trail, Cork City.

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July

8:30 Registration

9:00 **Keynote Address: Malene Karlsson**

Children's photo-documentation of family day care. How do young children in family day care see their every-day life? We have developed a method to give them tools for expression and will present results from studies in Denmark, Sweden and Ireland.

10:15 **Keynote Address: Jan White**

"Providing movement-rich outdoor play"

11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:30 Choice of Seminar

13:00 Lunch

14:15 Choice of Seminar

15:15 **Keynote Address: Professor Jacqueline Barnes**

**Keynote Title: The Families Children and Child Care Study: Use of childcare, its quality and outcomes up to age 3 years.**

The purpose of the Families Children and Child Care (FCCC) Study, the most detailed and largest English study of child care, was to examine the short and longer-term effects of childcare on children's development between birth and school entry. Two research sites were involved, one in North London and the other in Oxfordshire.

