



Community of Practice Newsletter

June 2024

Welcome to the RiVeR Project Team



DR. BRIEGE KING is the new Head of Department of Nursing, Midwifery and Early Years in DKIT.

Briege has extensive education experience as a nurse tutor, and lecturer at undergraduate and postgraduate level. She completed her Doctoral studies in Nursing Practice in Queens University, Belfast and was awarded a Master's Degree in Advanced Nursing from Ulster University.

Briege specialised as an intensive care nurse and holds a Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Practice in this field. Briege is a registered General Nurse and a Registered Nurse Tutor with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland.

Farewell to Dr. Myles Hackett

The RiVeR Project team would like to thank Dr. Myles Hackett for his immense contribution as a member of the RiVeR Project management team and support of Domestic, Sexual & Gender-Based Violence initiatives in DkIT. He is wished every success as he moves to a new position.

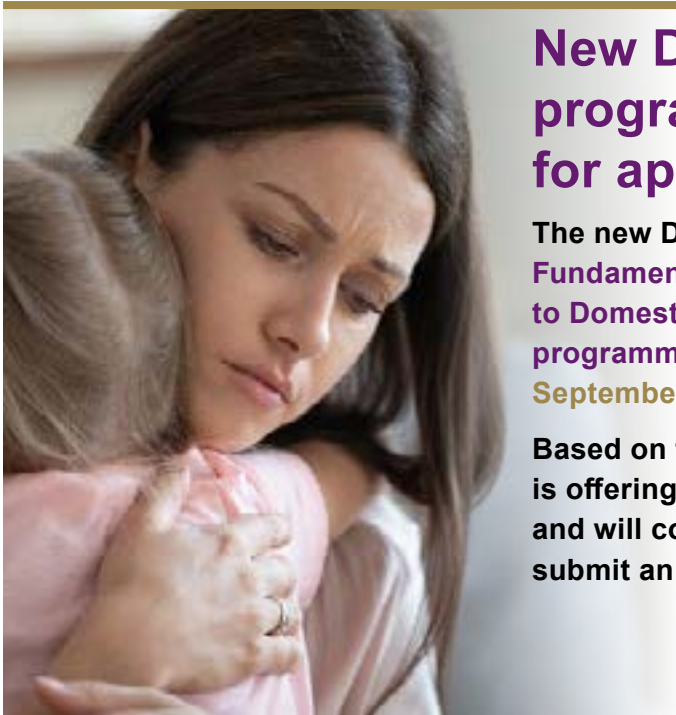
Community of Practice Workshop: In Her Shoes®



Interactive exercise

On **June 18th** the RiVeR Project team were delighted to welcome participants from a broad range of services to DkIT to take part in the In Her Shoes® workshop facilitated by **Lisa Marmion, Research Assistant, RiVeR Project**. A particular word of thanks to **Cara Murphy** and **Niamh Quinn** from Women's Aid Dundalk for helping out on the day. Feedback from the event was very positive with participants indicating enhanced knowledge and understanding of Coercive Control.





New DkIT DSGBV programme open for applicants

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The new DkIT level 8 Certificate in the Fundamentals of Understanding and Responding to Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence programme is now open for applications for the September intake.

Based on funding from the HEA, the RiVeR project is offering 5 scholarships for this programme and will cover full fees. For further details and to submit an application click on the link below:

tinyurl.com/2pvxvubv

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Call for abstracts-Conference January 2025

The DkIT RiVeR Project Annual Community of Practice Conference will take place on Friday 17th January 2025.

The Conference theme is 'Keeping the spotlight on Coercive Control: A multi-agency approach'.

ABSTRACTS ARE INVITED FOR BOTH ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS.

[CLICK HERE FOR CALL FOR \(ORAL PRESENTATION\)](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR CALL FOR \(POSTER PRESENTATION\)](#)



Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge Centre

The Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge Centre is delighted to announce the development of two new initiatives aimed at supporting families affected by domestic abuse.

Our weekly Parent Support Clinic offers a strengths-based approach where you can meet with our childhood support worker to discuss your child's experiences and receive tailored support. Additionally, we

are introducing "Safe Steps," a six-week group programme designed for children experiencing domestic abuse.

This programme aims to validate their experiences, develop safety networks and strategies, and build self-esteem and resilience, helping to rebuild their lives.

For further information, please contact Michelle at

085 801 15 83

Other events and notices for our Community of Practice

MOVE Ireland and MEND

On the 7th of June, MOVE Ireland and MEND hosted their joint annual national training conference. We are so grateful to all who attended our conference, 'From Harm to Hope' and helped make the day a great success.



Our goal was to create a space for a variety of DSGBV related organisations and services to come together, network, share ideas and insights, and look towards a future of collaboration when addressing domestic abuse. We were very fortunate to have a great calibre of guest speakers on the day who shared insights into their organisation's work, and the success and challenges they faced while addressing DSGBV.

Minister for justice Helen McEntee opened the conference virtually. CEO of CUAN, DR. Stephanie O'Keeffe was also present to open the conference, and highlighted the importance of a 'collaborative spirit', and 'joined up vision' when combatting DSGBV.

We hope that this conference has fostered the building of collaborative relationships that will contribute to creating a safer Ireland.



Dr. Kathleen Nallen, DkIT Project Lead pictured with organisers and speakers at the MOVE Ireland and MEND Conference in Thurles.

WOMEN'S AID DUNDALK

24-Hour Helpline: 042-9333244



Outreach Drop-in Clinics July - Sept '24

Carlingford - The Station House

July 8th (Monday) 10:00-12:00

August 12th (Monday) 10:00-12:00

September 2nd (Monday) 10:00-12:00

Ardee - DeeHub

July 15th (Monday) 10:00-12:00

August 19th (Monday) 10:00-12:00

September 9th (Monday) 10:00-12:00

Omeath - The Dolmen Centre

July 22nd (Monday) 10:00-12:00

August 26th (Monday) 10:00-12:00

September 23rd (Monday) 10:00-12:00

Dunleer - The Market House

July 29th (Monday) 10:00-12:00

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✉ info@womensaidduk.net

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We are here to offer support + information

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Refuge

1-2-1 Support

Court Drop in Clinic

Accompaniment

Outreach Support

Support Groups

Supported Housing

Support for Family +

Friends

The Playroom Project

No.11 Accessible Shop

Training, Education +

Awareness

Email Support - info@womensaiddlk.net

Text Support - 0861892439

Admin: 0429333245 Shop: 0429327543



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Barnardos Childhood Domestic Violence and Abuse Project

Updates – June 2024



Barnardos Childhood Domestic Violence and Abuse Project have launched new resources to raise awareness of the impact of Domestic Violence and Abuse on the very young child (pregnancy to pre-school age).

Barnardos hosted the live YouTube Webinar launch on June 13th, 2024 which featured inputs from Minister for Justice Helen McEntee, Tusla and the Department of Justice along with a key note address by Dr Wendy Bunston.

Notice Me, Think About Me, Ask About Me features an animation with an accompanying practice guidance document and is the result of a three year collaborative project between Barnardos and domestic violence services across the sector.



SEE HERE LINKS TO ALL OF THESE RESOURCES:

- The full recorded 90 minute webinar is available to view here:

Notice Me, Think About Me, Ask About Me YouTube Launch

- The animation can be freely accessed on YouTube here:

The animation

- The practice guidance document is available on Barnardos website here:

CDVA Practitioner Resources



THE EMPOWER KIDS PROJECT, which is part of Barnardos' National Childhood Domestic Violence and Abuse Project, is a multi-agency collaboration with services from around Ireland. Since 2020 the project has been creating opportunities to amplify the voices of children and young people with lived experience of domestic violence and abuse and create audience and influence for their messages.

Together with the CDVA team and an Ad Agency, the children and young people have built on a National Campaign which launches the week beginning **Monday June 24th**.

The campaign message, created from the children's words and ideas, will feature on many national radio stations throughout the week as well as across Barnardos social media platforms.

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