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1. Restorative Practice Summer Course for Teachers

CDI is happy to announce that our Restorative Practices Summer Courses for Teachers are open for registration.

Using Restorative Practices to Strengthen Positive Classroom and School Norms is a Summer Course for Primary and Post-Primary Teachers which is accredited by the Drumcondra Centre for Education for Continuing Professional Development and Extra Personal Vacation (EPV).

The Course is for five days from 10am–3pm and costs €80, running at the following times and places:

- July 1–7: CDI, Tallaght
- July 1–7: St. Peter the Apostle JNS, Neilstown
- July 1–7: National College of Ireland, IFSC, D1
- August 17–21: CDI, Tallaght.



For further Information and bookings, email Claire Casey at claire@twcdi.ie.

CDI was delighted to recently support Candle Community in Ballyfermot in being launched as a restorative organisation.

2. Training for fathers in prison and mothers in community

CDI's Family Imprisonment Parent Programme (FIPP) has progressed very well in Limerick Prison – with parenting skills training provided to fathers in the prison and mothers in the community.

There has been really positive feedback to the delivery of the *Parents Plus* programme from both sets of parents. They have commented on how it has got them to think about their parenting styles and they all really value the support they received.

A graduation ceremony took place on May 21st when fathers and mothers, and their children, gathered to receive their certificates and have some family fun time.

The University of Limerick is evaluating the programme.

3. Plan Launched to make Waterford a restorative County



CDI was delighted to speak at the recent launch of the [Waterford Restorative Practices Network](#) five year strategy to enable Waterford to become a restorative County.

There were more than 100 people present, which is a real testament to the great work being done by the

members who are all volunteers with the Network.

A hearty congratulations to one and all!

4. Call to realign services from crisis to prevention

A coalition of 30 organisations joined together recently to launch a new campaign which is calling for children to be an election priority.

The ***Hands up for Children campaign***, of which CDI is a member, is calling for prevention and early intervention for children and families to be a priority in the next programme for government.

The campaign is seeking political parties and Independent candidates to adopt its *5 Thriving Childhood Principles* which set out a case for increased investment in early intervention and to realign resources from crisis to prevention. The campaign is also inviting support from wider organisations and individuals.



CDI CEO Marian Quinn is the Chair of the Prevention and Early Intervention Network (PEIN) which is leading on the campaign.

The launch was also addressed by Children's Rights Alliance Chief Executive, Tanya Ward, Social Justice Campaigner John Lonergan and Tusla Chairperson, Norah Gibbons.

At handsupforchildren.ie organisations and individuals are also invited to sign up their support, or share the information with others.

The campaign can be followed on Twitter at [@handsup4children](https://twitter.com/handsup4children) and hashtag [#handsup4children](https://twitter.com/hashtag/handsup4children).

5. Doodle Families to be evaluated by Mary Immaculate College

CDI has been working to develop the Doodle Den Booster programme called *Doodle Families*. It is a family literacy programme that brings First Class children and their parents together to participate in literacy activities focused on their family life.

To date, the feedback from the programme has been very positive and the families are really enjoying the range of activities.

The programme is being piloted in three schools in Limerick and will be evaluated by a research team from Mary Immaculate College.

6. ATTI hosts talk on Perinatal Depression

CDI's ATTI programme (Antenatal to Three Initiative) hosted a well attended talk on Perinatal Depression recently in Tallaght.

The talk was attended by more than 70 people from across a wide range of services including HSE Primary Care, HSE Mental Health Services, Coombe Women and Infants Hospital, Family Support Services and General Practices.



The talk gave an overview of perinatal depression and factors that may produce a higher disposition to it: poverty and deprivation, unsupported pregnancy, childhood sexual abuse and pre existing depressive illness and was delivered by Psychiatrist, Professor Veronica O'Keane.

Professor Veronica O'Keane speaking at CDI's Antenatal to Three Initiative (ATTI) talk on Perinatal Depression.

7. Review of Speech and Language Therapy service underway

CDI is undertaking a review of its SLT service, to ensure best use of this valuable resource.

Questionnaires have been sent to early years services and primary schools to get input on successes, needs and gaps. Furthermore, discussions will take place with the HSE to ensure that both services complement each other.

8. Best wishes to advocate Francis Chance in new role



CDI is sad to see one of our finest advocates, Francis Chance, finish his work at Barnardos after 15 fruitful years.

Francis has been key supporter of CDI from its earliest beginnings, and remained a consistent, reliable and supportive colleague. We are delighted however that his move to the Katherine Howard Foundation will ensure that we continue our contact.

We wish him well and are hugely grateful for his commitment, pragmatism, and ability to keep people on board, even through very difficult discussions.

9. Wedding Bells!

A heartfelt congratulations to Michelle Quinn (CDI, Speech and Language Therapist) who got married last month. We wish her and new husband Niall happiness and fun in their lives together.

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