MY RELATIONSHIP HAS BROKEN DOWN, WHAT OPTIONS DO I HAVE?

**DIRECT AGREEMENT**
- Find out what your rights are
- You can agree terms
- Ask your solicitor to put terms agreed directly into a legal document

**MEDIATION**
- Find a trained mediator
- Reach agreement
- No Agreement
- Drawn up into Memorandum of Understanding
- Couple can still achieve agreement by collaborative or traditional negotiation

**Collaborative**
- Find your own collaborative solicitor
- No correspondence. All issues are addressed in face-to-face meetings
- Reach agreement
- No Agreement
- New solicitors must be instructed. Begin traditional process

**Traditional**
- Instruct a solicitor and take advice. Exchange financial information
- Attempt to negotiate a settlement. Alternatively your solicitor can move to the next step
- File a court application & clarify timetable. Negotiation continues as well
- 12-16 weeks: formal disclosure of information between solicitors
- Court application to force disclosure
- FINANCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION. Court encourages negotiations to resolve financial issues or orders if necessary
- Court date for trial or trial

Terms agreed. Put into legal separation agreement. In all cases financial information must be exchanged.

Rules Order on Consent or following trial

Court orders. Vouched Affidavit of Means exchanged.
HELPFUL ORGANISATIONS

Law Society of Ireland
Blackhall Place, Dublin 7
Tel: 01 6724800

Legal Aid Board
47 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6441900

MRCS (Marriage & Relationship Counselling Services)
38 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6785256/ 1890 380 380

Teen Between
(part of MRCS) 38 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6785256

MRCS – Post separation Parenting Course
Tel: 01 6785256

AIM
6 D’Olier Street, Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6708363

Community Information Centres
Check Golden Pages or National Social Service Board

Treoir
14 Gandon House, Lower Mayor Street, IFSC, Dublin 1
Tel: 01 6700120/1890 252084
Email: info@treoir.ie

Family Mediation Service
1st Floor, St. Stephen’s Green House, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6344320

Barnardos National Children’s Resource Centre
Christchurch Square, Dublin 8
Tel: 01 4530355/1850 222300
Email: info@barnardos.ie

Court Services Board
Phoenix House, Smithfield, Dublin 7
Tel: 01 888 6462

Parental Equality Support Group
15a Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk, Co Louth
Tel: 042 9333163
Email: dundalk@parentequality.ie

Gingerbread Ireland
Carmichael House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7
Tel: 01 8146618
Email: info@gingerbread.ie

Family Lawyers Association
Law Library, Distillery Building, 159/151 Church Street, Dublin 7

ACCORD
(Central Office), Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
Tel: 01 5053112
Email: admin@accord.ie

CARI Centres
National/Dublin, 110 Lower Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9
Tel: 01 8308529
Fax: 01 8306309
Email: info@cari.ie

Rainbows
Support Group for Children of Bereaved & Separated Families (all ages)
Loreto Centre, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12
Tel: 01 4734175
Email: ask@rainbowsireland.ie

* Information leaflets are available from most of the above organisations.