



## Welcome to CDI's new EZINE!

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the **first edition** of our Ezine. This new format will enable us to better communicate our news and integrate more with information on our website at [www.twcdi.ie](http://www.twcdi.ie). We hope it you find it informative.

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## 1. Tallaght West to be an Area Based Response to Child Poverty

The Programme for Government sets out a commitment to establish Area-Based Responses to Child Poverty, and in recent months the existing financial commitment to this development was matched by The Atlantic Philanthropies.



Whilst there is an ongoing process to identify those communities which will participate in this initiative, the three existing locations for the Prevention and Early Intervention Programme (PEIP) (Ballymun, Darndale and Tallaght West) have already been included in the development.

CDI has received a commitment from both the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, and The Atlantic Philanthropies, to support the consolidation and sustainability of our proven programmes over the next three years. While we are working in a number of communities, the bulk of this investment will support quality service delivery in Tallaght West.

CDI is delighted to have a further opportunity to consolidate our work here in Tallaght West and beyond and is grateful to all those residents, children, families and services whose support and engagement has helped us get to this point. This is an exciting and hopeful development for Tallaght West, and

indeed for all those interested in, and concerned about, improving outcomes for children and families.

**Mr Joe Horan** Chair, CDI Board.

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## 2. September 2013 Update from

### Marian Quinn

There has been a lot of change at CDI in recent months and the leading article by Chairperson Joe Horan sets a picture of a positive future, with funding now secure for the next three years.



The starting point in the 'next chapter' will be a programme we are planning for 0–3 years olds in Tallaght West and we will be consulting with the broad community about this in the coming months.

Two important seminars aimed at the education and academic sectors are on the immediate horizon. An [Education Seminar](#) aimed at Primary School teachers, Principals and allied Health Professionals takes place on September 23rd and an [Academic Seminar](#) will take place on October 4th.

We broke new ground this summer by providing our first online course for teachers. We were delighted with the response and will run the course again next summer. And given this experience, we are open to developing further online training materials. We'll keep you posted.

This month we express our gratitude to Joyce Cahill, Paula Kavanagh and Sineád McNally who have moved on from CDI during the summer. We thank them for the generous contributions they have made to our work and the community we serve.

Wishing you all the very best.

**Marian Quinn** CEO.

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### 3. New Programme for 0-3 year olds Planned for Tallaght West

CDI is currently planning a new early intervention programme which will target 0-3 year olds in Tallaght West.

During October and November we will be carrying out needs assessment work in the community to identify what the greatest needs are and where they are. We will then identify and coordinate the delivery of a programme which best meets those needs.

We will be consulting extensively with the community during the Autumn and will be in contact with many community based organisations and workers. We will keep you informed on developments through our newsletter and website. Please contact us for information, or with any specific suggestions.

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### 4. CDI Seminar on Educational Innovations in

# Tallaght

CDI is hosting a free seminar on preventing educational disadvantage targeted at Primary School Teachers, Principals and allied Health Professionals later this month.

The seminar [\*Educational Innovations in Tallaght\*](#) will take place on September 23rd in Tallaght West and will offer an opportunity to share the learning and experience of our interventions to help prevent educational disadvantage. The seminar presenters are Professor Mark Morgan, Speech and Language Therapist Michelle Quinn and the Principal of St. Mark's Community School, Eithne Coyne.

- **Professor Mark Morgan** will present on the challenges of working with children from disadvantaged areas and explore why evidence and research are important in the education sector.
- **Michelle Quinn** will present on the links between speech, language and literacy with some practical tips that can be used in the classroom.
- **Eithne Coyne** will present on her experience of Restorative Practice at St. Mark's Community School.

The seminar will explore:

- Experiences of Principals and Teachers
- Challenges of educational disadvantage
- Innovative learning and evidence in relation to education
- Links between speech, language and literacy
- Benefits of research in the education sector.



The details are:

- Location: Dublin West Education Centre, Blessington Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24
- Date & Time: Monday, 23rd September, 4–6pm.

Places are available. To find out more, or reserve a place on this free course, go to the [Education Seminar page on the CDI website](#), or contact Holly McGann at [info@twcdi.ie](mailto:info@twcdi.ie) or (01) 494 0030. Please book by September 18th.

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## 5. 100% of Participants Recommend CDI's Online Summer Course

CDI was delighted with the response to its first Online Summer Course, after 100% of the participants have said they would recommend the course to a colleague. 85 Primary School teachers took part including School Principals, Mainstream Class teachers, HSCL and Special Educational Needs Teachers.

The 20 hour course *Using Evidence Based Programmes to Support Speech, Language and Literacy Development in Disadvantaged Communities* included video presentations from the lead tutor and a range of additional resources and reading materials.

The five modules were:

- Implementing Evidence Based Programmes which draw on CDI's Quality Services Better Outcomes Workbook
- Supporting Language and Literacy in the Early Years in Disadvantaged Communities
- Supporting Speech and Oral Language Development
- Doodle Den - An Afterschool Literacy Intervention
- CDI's Early Intervention Speech and Language Therapy Module.

CDI hopes to run the Online course again in summer 2014. For further information please contact Anne-Marie Reid at [AnneMarie@twcdi.ie](mailto:AnneMarie@twcdi.ie) or (01) 494 0030.

*Sample of Online Course Feedback - Mary Irving, Principal, St. Catherine's Infant School, Cabra, Dublin 7.*

**What made you choose the online Summer Course? I was interested in what**

*appeared to be such a success story. I think we are all familiar with reports that highlight the underperformance of pupils in DEIS schools. It's refreshing to read about academic success stories from schools such as ours. □□*

**What have you enjoyed about the course we have offered this summer? I particularly enjoyed reading about how Doodle Den was organised and about the associated pupil outcomes.**

**How will it change your work/ what elements will you bring back to the school / classroom? Our school is doing very well as things stand. Our biggest challenge is to continue doing what we do so well - with fewer resources both human and financial. □**

**What would you say to other's thinking about doing the course next year? I would encourage them to do it! In particular I would recommend the course to teachers working in DEIS schools. □ □**

**What courses would you like to see in the future? I really would love to see courses based on schools that have succeeded, or are succeeding against the odds. I think it's very important to nurture morale in schools and reading about success stories in schools similar to ourselves is one good way to do this.**

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## 6. Incorporating Tallaght West Research into Academic Learning

Tallaght West is a focal point of learning on prevention and early intervention – and CDI is determined that this learning becomes embedded in the future training of professionals who work with children.

To support this CDI is hosting a free seminar called [\*Incorporating Research into Academic Learning and Professional Development\*](#) on October 4th.

The seminar is for those who are heading up faculties and courses which provide professional qualifications to people working with children and young people e.g. social care, teaching, social work, youth work and public health nursing.

This seminar will provide an excellent opportunity for those in the academic sector to learn more about CDI's findings, particularly as they relate to training and support for practitioners, and the objectives of the Higher Education framework. Speakers at the seminar are **Dr. Mark Dynarski** from Pemberton Research Institute and **Mary Doyle**, from the Dept. of Education and Skills.

The Seminar Objectives are:

- To promote the use of current, Irish research in higher education curricular
- To share the insights and recommendations arising from CDI's research relating to pre service, in service and for professionals and practitioners
- To encourage the use of archived CDI data by other professionals.



Seminar details:

- Location: The Gibson Hotel, Baggot Street, Dublin
- Date & Time: Friday 4th October, 2013. 9am—1.30pm.

Places are available. To find out more, or reserve a place at this free seminar, go to the [Academic Seminar page on the CDI website](#), or contact Holly McGann at



[info@twcdi.ie](mailto:info@twcdi.ie) or (01) 494 0030. Please book your place by September 26th.

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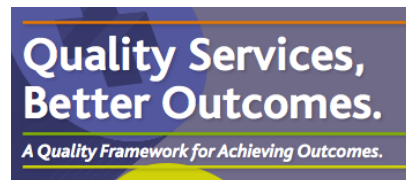
## 7. Quality Services, Better Outcomes Workshops

CDI will be running workshops on its Workbook [Quality Services, Better Outcomes](#) on October 23rd (2–5pm) and November 20th (10am–1pm). The workshops will provide an introduction to using the Workbook as a practical tool in your day to day practice helping your organisation to strengthen the links between quality outcomes.

It will also include active learning experiences giving you the opportunity to work through some of the skills and techniques it highlights. Based on CDI's experiences, the facilitators will guide you through quality assurance procedures, evidence based practice and evaluation processes.

Who is the workshop aimed at?

- All those in leadership/management roles
- Those with a quality assurance role
- Community, voluntary and statutory organisations in the social care sector
- Those that want to enhance the outcome focused approach.



Places are available. For further information please contact Anne-Marie Reid at [AnneMarie@twcdi.ie](mailto:AnneMarie@twcdi.ie) or (01) 494 0030.

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## 8. Farewell to Joyce Cahill, Paula Kavanagh & Sineád McNally

There have been three significant changes to CDI staffing in recent months to update you on.

It is with regret that we inform you that two long-standing, well known and popular colleagues have moved on from CDI. These are Community Engagement Coordinator Joyce Cahill who led on CDI's Restorative Practice Programme and Communications Co-ordinator, Paula Kavanagh. Joyce and Paula have both made large contributions to CDI over many years. We miss them and wish them well.

We also want to give our best wishes to Dr. Sineád McNally who worked as Research and Policy Manager during the past year. Sineád played a key role in the finalisation of our Evaluation Reports and the development of our Policy Briefs. We wish her every success in her future endeavours.

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For any further information see our [WEBSITE](#)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Childhood Development Initiative (CDI) website. At the top left is the logo **www.twcdi.ie** with the tagline "Childhood Development Initiative" and the motto "Meeting needs, making changes, improving outcomes". To the right of the logo is a yellow button that says "Sign Up For CDI Events/News". Further right are links for "Home | Contact | Members Login". Below the logo is a navigation menu with four items: "What we do", "Our Programmes", "Research & Policy", and "Resources". The main content area is divided into three sections. The left section features a purple banner for the "Evaluation of the Restorative Practice Programme of the Childhood Development Initiative" with a "Read More >" button. The middle section is a blue banner for the "Restorative Practice Report" with a "Read More >" button. The right section is a green banner for "Latest News & Events" containing two items: "QUALITY SERVICES WORKSHOPS: October 23rd and November 24th" and "SUMMER SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES: CDI speaking at international conferences", each with a "Read More" button. At the bottom of the page are four tabs: "Education Seminar", "Academic Seminar", "Restorative Practice", and "RP Newsletter".

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