

Keynote Speaker Profiles



Claire Byrne is a broadcaster and journalist and is currently the co-anchor on Newstalk's 106-108fm's Breakfast Show. She has a wealth of broadcasting experience spanning 15 years in the business. Claire's career started in radio and worked for the BBC in the Channel Islands as a broadcast journalist before becoming News Editor with Channel 103FM.

Since then she has worked with TV3 as early morning News Anchor on the station's breakfast programme, Ireland AM, News Anchor with Channel 5 along with the ITN News Channel in the UK. From there, she became the main evening News Anchor on TV3 before making the move back to radio and Newstalk 106-108fm. Claire is also a columnist with the Sunday Tribune and a regular host, MC and contributor to conferences and events.

Dr. Maurice Devlin is a Senior Lecturer in Youth and Community Studies at the Centre for Applied Social Studies, NUI Maynooth. He is a long standing supporter of NYCI and has been a driving force in youth work across Ireland for many years and is one of the NYCI representatives to the National Youth Work Advisory Committee.

Dr. Devlin has engaged in significant research on young people in Ireland. He is co-author of *Young People in Contemporary Ireland*, published in 2007 and of the National Youth Work development plan. He has written and contributed to a wide range of publications including the NYCI/Equality Authority Report "Inequality and the Stereotyping of Young people". Maurice has delivered academic papers and keynote addresses at numerous international and national conferences and seminars.

Dr. Paul Millar is a Consultant Psychiatrist currently working as a partner in the firm of TMR Health professionals in Belfast. A student of medicine at Queen's University, Dr. Millar qualified in 1994 and subsequently obtained a Diploma in mental health from Queens. In 1999 he was elected to membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Dr. Millar has a special interest in the psychological effects of trauma and has been involved in the setting up of units in Craigavon and Belfast Mater Hospital. He has a wide interest in mental health issues and has contributed to conferences and seminars on the wider dimensions of young people's health and wellbeing.

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Friday, November 27th, 2009
The Emmaus Centre, Lissenhall, Swords, Co. Dublin



Who are NYCI?

The National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) is an umbrella organisation that represents and supports the interest of 54 voluntary youth organisations and uses its collective experience to act on issues that impact on young people.

NYCI provides training, support and information in the areas of Youth Arts, Child Protection, Development Education, Youth Health and Interculturalism along with working in the areas of Advocacy, Research & Policy, Young People's Participation and International Opportunities.

Our work is based on the core values of equity, volunteerism, pro-activity, interdependence, quality and representation.



The Conference

"Ways and Means of Working with Older Teens" is NYCI's annual thematic conference for 2009.

The conference is open to all youth work practitioners both paid and voluntary, those working with young people in other settings and managers in the community along with voluntary and statutory sectors to share good practice, experience and learning.

NYCI's conference will examine the social context and the role of youth organisations; identify opportunities and develop positive, creative and innovative ways of working with and providing supports for older teens.

The one day event will promote and facilitate debate and discussion on the barriers and challenges of engaging with and working with older teenagers in the current climate, and will explore opportunities and methods of improving practice and service delivery.

The conference will include inputs from keynote speakers followed by a series of facilitated roundtable discussions, which will result in the identification of best practice recommendations for workers, youth organisations and NYCI.

An exhibition space will be open during the conference for organisations to profile their work with older teenagers

Conference Running Order

9.45am	Registration
10.15am	Introduction and Welcome <i>Eddie D'Arcy</i> – NYCI President <i>Minister Barry Andrews TD</i> – Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
10.30am	Setting the Scene <i>The Current Climate/Social Context</i> – Claire Byrne, Broadcaster & Journalist <i>"Where Are Irish Teenagers At?"</i> – Dr. Maurice Devlin, Senior Lecturer of Applied Social Studies at NUI Maynooth <i>A Young Person's Input On Where Teenagers Are At</i> – Speaker TBC <i>Health/Social Impact On Young People's Lives</i> – Dr. Paul Millar, Consultant Psychiatrist at TMR Health Professionals
11.30am	Tea/Coffee Break
11.45am	Roundtable 1 – Setting the Scene Delegates will consider three questions based on the inputs of the panel of speakers looking at issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring young people's needs• The challenges and opportunities in the current environment• The social, cultural and psychological impact of a recession
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Roundtable 2 – Models of Practice Introduction – A Youth Work Input – Looking at creativity/ leadership/active citizenship. Delegates will consider three questions looking at experiences of organisations and services in engaging older teens – Starting the sharing of learning and identifying opportunities.
3.15pm	Roundtable 3 – The Way Forward Introduction – A Relevant Input Delegates will consider three questions looking at the opportunities for organisations and the sector – Making decisions on what to do, and making recommendations for NYCI.
4.30pm	Feedback Report
4.45pm	Closing Remarks <i>Eddie D'Arcy</i> – NYCI President

Conference Booking Form

Name:

Organisation:

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Role in Organisation:

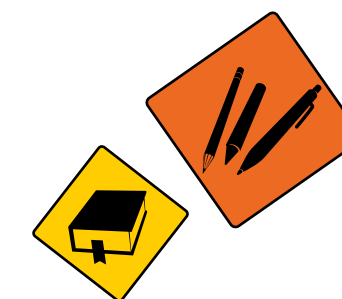
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Telephone:

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Any Special Requirements:



Please e-mail, fax or post completed Booking Form with payment to the details below marked "NYCI 2009 Conference"

Booking forms are available in hard copy or downloadable from NYCI's website www.youth.ie

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