

**Department of Adult
& Community Education**

A Series of Masterclasses Supporting an Unplanned Pregnancy Autumn 2019

Organised by the Department of Adult and Community Education, Maynooth University
in conjunction with HSE Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme



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Clár um Thoirchis Ghéarchéime
**Sexual Health &
Crisis Pregnancy Programme**



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The aim of these Masterclasses is to create an opportunity for professionals to gain more in-depth knowledge and skills in managing the challenges that present around unplanned pregnancy.

These Masterclasses will provide a supportive and informative space for dialogue and reflection to help strengthen professionals' work in the broad field of crisis pregnancy.

Opportunities will be created for participants to share experiences and knowledge.

Who is it for?

Anyone who encounters an unplanned pregnancy in the course of their professional life, and have some responsibility for supporting people who find themselves in this situation. This may include teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, chaplains, all pastoral care workers and youth workers.

Masterclass 1

Law Regulation of Health (Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018

Friday 11th October, 2019 9:30am – 4.00pm

**Centre of Nurse & Midwifery Education,
St. Mary's Campus, Castlebar***

This Masterclass provides an opportunity to explore the law concerning termination of pregnancy in Ireland and to reflect on how it is operating in practice. In particular issues relating to persons under 18 who choose to terminate a pregnancy, the rights and obligations associated with conscientious objection and the law in relation to sexual health generally will be explored through case studies and discussion.

This Masterclass focuses on the law in this complex area in the context of the provision of ethical care for anyone who is considering options associated with their pregnancy. Jenny Bulbulia, Barrister, will present the legal aspect and together with Anne McCarthy will facilitate a multi-disciplinary group to examine the implications for their practice.

Masterclass 2

Termination of Pregnancy: Dealing with Complex Issues

Friday 18th October, 2019 10am – 4.30pm

John Hume Building, Maynooth University

No one makes a decision lightly to terminate pregnancy. In this Masterclass, participants will learn about the new guidelines, and the care required in supporting clients/patients who choose to terminate their pregnancies. They will explore the obligations to themselves and their clients when providing termination of pregnancy services. Marguerite McCarthy, One Family, has many years of experience with clients regarding pregnancy and termination and has a deep knowledge and empathy for all concerned. Co-facilitated by Anne McCarthy.

Masterclass 3

Understanding Fatal Fetal Abnormality as a Crisis Pregnancy

Friday 08th November, 2019 10am – 4.30pm

John Hume Building, Maynooth University

This Masterclass will explore the complexities of caring for women who have been given a prenatal diagnosis of a fatal or severe fetal abnormality. Jane Dalrymple has many years of experience as a midwife caring for mothers, their partners and families. She will explore the complexities of this diagnosis and will share her knowledge of the current practice in supporting parents through this very difficult outcome. Co-facilitated by Anne McCarthy.

Masterclass 4

Supporting Healthy Team Dynamics in the delivery of Termination of Pregnancy Services

Friday 29th November, 2019 10am – 4.30pm

John Hume Building, Maynooth University

The introduction of lawful termination of pregnancy in Ireland can raise ethical and emotive issues for medical and social care staff. How teams care for clients who request a termination is essential in ensuring good practice. Participants will explore team dynamics especially during times of change and will have an opportunity to experience approaches and methods that promote positive group dynamics. Facilitated by Anne McCarthy.

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