

# A Series of Masterclasses “Supporting an unplanned pregnancy”

organised by the  
**Department of Adult and Community Education,  
National University of Ireland Maynooth**

in conjunction with  
**HSE 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 to resource them in managing the challenges that present around unplanned pregnancy.

After a consultative process three key areas have emerged as of particular concern: the issue of termination, working with minors and the role of the father.

The Masterclasses will provide a supportive and informative space for dialogue and reflection to help to 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?

If you encounter unplanned pregnancy in the course of your professional life, and have some responsibility for supporting people who find themselves in this situation. This may include, for example, teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, chaplains, all pastoral care workers, youth workers, volunteers.

## When?

<b>Masterclass 1</b>
10.00am – 4.30pm 16th September 2011
<b>Masterclass 2</b>
10.00am – 4.30pm 4th November 2011
<b>Masterclass 3</b>
10.00am – 4.30pm 3rd February 2012

## Where?

North Campus, NUI Maynooth

**Facilitator:** Anne McCarthy, Department of Adult and Community Education.

**Fee:** €30 per Masterclass (lunch not included)

**Places can be booked on line at**  
<http://shop.nuim.ie/> or by completing the application form at the back of this brochure.

## Masterclass 1: Termination: Dealing with complex issues

16th September 2011 - 10.00am - 4.30pm

Over 4,000 Irish women travelled in 2009 to the UK for termination of their pregnancy. Yet this experience is rarely discussed by these women or by the wider society. Professionals who encounter this issue with their clients need clear information and guidelines as well as an opportunity to discuss and clarify thoughts and feelings about termination of pregnancy.

The Masterclass will consist of a presentation by Sherie de Burgh, One Family, who has many years experience in working with clients regarding pregnancy and parenting. She brings the necessary knowledge, compassion and empathy to this topic. The event will also include stories from women who have made this journey to the UK.

The aim of this session is to reflect together on the complexity of working with clients to assist them arrive at their own choice.

## Masterclass 2: Supporting minors in crisis pregnancy

4th November 2011 - 10.00am - 4.30pm

This Masterclass will address the issue of supporting minors involved in a crisis pregnancy. The day will be facilitated by Amel Yacif and the team from BASE in Ballyfermot. This project operates from a philosophy of inclusion and engagement and seeks the full participation of the young person in addressing their own life decisions. The project is also holistic in that it seeks to engage proactively with the key institutions and people in the young person's life. The afternoon session, conducted by Jenny Bulbulia BL, will address the legal issues involved in working with minors. The aim is to reflect on the practical and emotional support required by young people.

## Masterclass 3: The role of the father in crisis pregnancy: where is he?

3rd February 2012 - 10.00am - 4.30pm

The role of the father in Irish society can be complex. There are many anomalies in Irish law that can make it difficult for a father to participate fully in his child's life, especially in the context of unplanned pregnancy. This day will consist of a presentation of research conducted in Ireland by Fergus Hogan, Waterford Institute of Technology, concerning men's experience of crisis pregnancy and pregnancy loss. This research challenges perceptions of men, and particularly men in relation to crisis pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and their own sexuality.

As a result of attending the day, participants will be in a better position to include the father as a key person in addressing the experience.



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Masterclass 1 16th September 2011 (application to be received by 9th Sept. 2011)			<input type="checkbox"/> Please tick box if you wish to attend	
Masterclass 2 4th November 2011 (application to be received by 28th Oct 2011)			<input type="checkbox"/> Please tick box if you wish to attend	
Masterclass 3 3rd February 2012 (application to be received by 27th Jan 2012)			<input type="checkbox"/> Please tick box if you wish to attend	
Fee (lunch not included)			€30 per Masterclass	

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Mary Corbally, The Department of Adult and Community Education, NUI Maynooth  
Tel: 01 708 3784 Email: [mary.e.corbally@nuim.ie](mailto:mary.e.corbally@nuim.ie).  
Cheques should be payable to Dept. of Adult and Community Education.

**Please see above for the final date for receipt of applications for each Masterclass.**