



Thomas O Driscoll I am currently 24 years of age. I am father to a beautiful intelligent 9 year old daughter. I currently hold a honours degree and two level 5 fetac qualifications. I am a full time social care worker with adults with disabilities in residential care settings and I work on a relief basis with young people leaving state care



Eve Savage  
BA ECCE at IT Tralee  
Grad Dip AFE at Mary Immaculate College  
Currently: Research Masters in AFE at Mary Immaculate College



Dionne Comerford Having graduated from Tralee IT with a BA Hons Degree in Early Childhood Care and Education I secured a job in a large private childcare facility which lead to the preschool leader role in the

ECCE Preschool room. My current position, which I am very passionate about, is Preschool Leader & Training Manager in Brookview Childcare, Tralee. Here I am responsible for leading the junior preschool room, implementing and training staff on the Aistear curriculum framework, on the Síolta quality standards, and working to enhance the overall standard of quality in the centre.



Vera O'Leary is the Manager of the Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre and has worked with the centre since 1992. She comes from a background of nursing/midwifery. She is also an accredited therapist with the Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy/ qualified trainer and holds a Degree in Management in the Voluntary Sector.



Christine Noonan I am a hardworking and driven professional with a passion for making a difference across all areas in the community. With over eight years' experience in the field of addiction I have developed a great network across many community based organisations by working collaboratively with a multidiscipline team. I have a reputation for managing difficult issues and solving problems pragmatically without compromising my personal integrity and values in ensuring those I am supporting are treated with dignity and respect. I am a kind, genuine, empathetic and resilient person with a strong desire to support people to achieve their personal goals.

I also design, implement and deliver independent workshops on specialist subjects to create awareness and reduce stigma. Provide reflective support to students on placement to develop their continued professional development skills of self-awareness.



Jennifer Kissane MA -bio:

Qualified as a Social Care Worker from the Institute of Technology Tralee, completing a BA and BA Hons in Social Studies in Social Care and MA in Social Studies Advanced Professional Practice. Employed in Kerry Parents and Friends Association since 2007, as a Social Care Worker and currently as a Centre Manager within Tralee Day and Residential Services. KPFA provides services and supports to adults with intellectual disabilities and their families throughout Co. Kerry. I have gained invaluable experience across a variety of settings, from both my work experience and learning to inform my professional practice. For future study, Jennifer has a particular interest in the area of behaviour's that challenge and endeavour's to carry out further research within this area.



'Sue Hargrove is the fundraising and volunteer programme officer with SERVE in Solidarity, Cork. Sue coordinates the summer volunteer programme which ensures Irish adults can share their skills and connect with some of the world's poorest and largely oppressed communities in Africa, Asia and South America. Her role in the organisation is ensure that the communities SERVE supports positively gains from the experiences and knowledge of Irish volunteers and that Irish volunteers gain a greater understanding of the large-scale inequality which affects these communities and the small changes they can make to promote a just and equal world.'



Rosalind Fitzgerald  
Speech and Language Therapist  
Mid Kerry Intervention and Disability Team.



Diane Quirke has been a member of the Butterfly Project since its inception in 2010. She graduated Youth and Community Work Practice in IT Tralee in 2016 and has been working as a housing officer for the Peter McVerry Trust since.



Robert Carey is Area and Programme Manager with North East & West Kerry Development .He has worked in a variety of community development roles ranging from managing citizen information centres and a community development project (CDP), CE supervisor and participant. Specialising in social inclusion work, he has developed numerous strategic plans and projects which promote social inclusion

and has represented social inclusion interests on national and local bodies'. He has initiated social enterprises across, ICT, Resource Centres and Food poverty. He has developed community projects in areas such as mental health, substance misuse, youth supports. He writes in Changing Ireland Local Development Magazine



Margaret Culloty

Graduated from UCC in 1976 with a Bachelor of Social Science degree. Worked for over 25 years in youth work in Tralee and as a volunteer since retirement in 2012.



*Nicola O Sullivan, HR & ICT Administrator, KDYS – Nicola has a background in Hospitality, Youth Work, Human Resources and IT. She has been with the KDYS since 1997, and currently has responsibility for Human Resources and ICT across the organisation. Within her role, Nicola would be actively involved in the recruitment of staff and student placements. She is a firm believer that people are the heart of any business, and there is always learning in both positive and negative experiences*



**Caroline Doyle is a Community Worker with HSE Kerry for the past 12 years. Prior to this, she worked for 10 years in the NGO sector with various roles in community development including: Traveller organisations, School Completion Programmes and Organisational development and Support work. Caroline has a specific interest in the role of Community & Youth Work in**

**promoting social inclusion and developing anti-oppressive forms of practice. Caroline is a graduate of NUI Maynooth.**



Tina Diggins

Qualified Youth and Community Development Worker who graduated from the ITT in 2012. I have extensive experience in working with new communities in Tralee. Have also completed a number of research projects in relation to the Roma Community living in Kerry.

Previously worked as a community development worker and with young people who were at risk of becoming early school leavers



Helena Brennan completed her BA Honours Degree in Early Childhood Care and Education in 2012 and immediately began working in the childcare industry. Starting as a childcare assistant Helena progressed to the role of Room Leader and After-schools co-ordinator. Working in this industry for 4 years Helena decided to see what other options were available to her to progress her career. In January 2016 she began working as a tutor with the Kerry Education and Training Board tutoring FETAC level 5 and 6 courses in childcare and special needs. Since changing career direction it has opened a lot more options and availabilities for her.



Miriam O' Sullivan

In 2012, after completing four years at the Institute of Technology Tralee I successful obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care. I immediately began my career within the disability sector by commencing work with St. John of God Kerry Services and Kerry Parents and Friends Association. During this time I worked with adults and children with varying levels of physical and intellectual disabilities. In 2014, I successfully obtained a bursary with the Institute of Technology Tralee to undertake a Masters by Research. The purpose of this research was to develop a communication App with children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and subsequently evaluate its effectiveness. In 2016, I graduated with a Master in Arts (Research) in "An Exploration of the Effectiveness of the use of Communication Apps through Mobile Devices on Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders". Since graduating I have managed two disability services and established my own business.



Tim Nolan

A planned programme of Non Formal Educational based programmes designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young people. This is supported through school based programmes, group activities and programmes, Youth Information, one to one support and community engagement.