



Women's Aid Federation Northern Ireland  
**Day 1: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**Programme**

- 09:00 – 09:40**      **Registration:** Registration and sign-up for workshops with tea/coffee & biscuits
- 09:40 – 09:50      **Welcome and housekeeping** – Jan Melia, CEO Women's Aid Federation NI
- 09:50 – 10:10      **Young people's debate:** Are children seen and heard in cases of domestic violence?
- 10:10 – 10:25      **Guest speakers:** Claire Sugden MLA & Michelle O'Neill MLA
- 10:25 – 10:45      **Try Again. Fail Again. Fail Better: Children and the Courts** – Lord Justice Gillen, Head of the Review of Civil and Family Justice in Northern
- 10:45 – 11:00      **Safeguarding children living with domestic violence** – Bernie McNally, Chair of Safeguarding Board NI
- 11:00 – 11:20      **When home is where the hurt is** – Davina James-Hanman, former Specialist Adviser to the Home Affairs Select Committee inquiry into domestic violence
- 11:20 – 11:35**      **Comfort break** – choose some treats from our Sweet Cart
- 11:35 – 11:55      **Voice, Agency, Power: A framework for young survivors' involvement in policy and practice change** – Dr Claire Houghton, Expert Adviser to the Scottish Government (children's rights and gender-based violence), University of Edinburgh
- 11:55 – 12:15      **Children who live with domestic abuse:** Experience, impact and potential outcomes – Stephanie Holt, Associate Professor, Social Studies, Trinity College Dublin and former Social Worker
- 12:15 – 12:35      **Children and young people's voices** – Niamh's story
- 12:35 – 13:00      **Domestic abuse: children's experiences** – Professor Jane Callaghan, Director of the Centre for Child Wellbeing and Protection, University of Stirling
- 13:00 – 14:10**      **Lunch** – Hot food, networking & art exhibition in the canteen
- 14:10 – 15:30      **Interactive workshops:** Six practice based workshops for participants to choose from (see overleaf for list of workshops)
- 15:45 – 16:30      **Panel & close:** DVD presentation of young people's voices, Q&A session with panel of speakers, and closing remarks for Day 1

**Room****Day 1 Interactive Workshops**

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| Boardroom       | 1. <b>Contact and Abuse:</b> How does contact hurt children and how can we solve the problem? Facilitated by Stephanie Holt, Associate Professor, Social Studies, Trinity College Dublin and former Social Worker   |
| Seminar Room 2  | 2. <b>How to involve and include children in our work and in policy making:</b> a look at participatory practice and how to embed it in our work. Facilitated by Dr Claire Houghton, Expert Adviser to the Scottish Government (children's rights and gender-based violence), University of Edinburgh |
| Seminar Room 5  | 3. <b>Children &amp; Young People Speak Out.</b> Facilitated by staff and young people from the Voices Group of ABCLN Women's Aid   |
| Seminar Room 10 | 4. <b>FACTCHECK.</b> Learn more about domestic and sexual violence support services in Northern Ireland (The Rowan, Nexus, Victim Support, MAP & Rainbow joint workshop on specialist services)   |
| Tel 1           | 5. <b>Playing out trauma:</b> How can we use play to benefit children and young people experiencing trauma? Facilitated by Sile O'Loughlin, Play Therapy NI   |
| Tel 2           | 6. <b>Trauma, the body and the brain:</b> How do children and young people respond to trauma and what can we do to support them? Facilitated by Professor Jane Callaghan, Director of the Centre for Child Wellbeing and Protection, University of Stirling   |



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**Women's Aid Federation Northern Ireland  
Day 2: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Programme**

- 09:00 – 09:30**      **Registration:** Registration and sign-up for workshops with tea/coffee & biscuits
- 09:30 – 09:50**      **Opening:** Loughview Integrated Primary School choir
- 09:50 – 10:15**      **Shining a light on real outcomes:** the rights road – Koulla Yiasouma, NI Commissioner for Children and Young People
- 10:15 – 10:30**      **Children & Young People at the HEART of policy and practice in Women's Aid** – Sandra McNamee, Women's Aid Federation NI
- 10:30 – 10:45**      **Becoming Social Guardians** – Sarah Mason, Women's Aid Federation NI
- 10:45 – 11:15**      **What have we learnt about keeping children safe in the context of domestic violence?** – Dr John Devaney, Senior Lecturer, Family Policy and Child Welfare, Queen's University Belfast
- 11:15 – 11:30**      **Comfort break** – choose some treats from our Sweet Cart
- 11:30 – 12:00**      **Identifying the key components of a 'whole family' intervention for families experiencing domestic violence and abuse** – Nicky Stanley, Professor of Social Work, University of Central Lancashire
- 12:00 – 12:25**      **Children in Need in Northern Ireland** – Paddy Sloan BBC Children in Need
- 12:25 – 12:50**      **Children and Young People Speak Out** – Performance by Stranmillis drama students & introduction by Dr Bronagh McKee
- 12:50 – 14:10**      **Lunch** – Hot food, networking & art exhibition in the canteen
- 14:10 – 15:30**      **Interactive workshops:** Six practice based workshops for participants to choose from (see overleaf for list of workshops)
- 15:45 – 16:30**      **Panel & close:** Next Steps – How can services best respond to children and young people affected by domestic violence? Q&A session with panel of speakers

**Room****Day 2 Interactive Workshops**

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| Boardroom       | 1. <b>Police Responses to children affected by domestic violence:</b> What happens when police arrive and how does this impact on children and young people? Facilitated by Anne Marie Millar, PhD candidate, Queens University Belfast |
| Seminar Room 2  | 2. <b>Young People Speak Out.</b> An interactive workshop by TEENLINK (Foyle Women's Aid)   |
| Seminar Room 5  | 3. <b>Power Up Power Down.</b> Policy and practice in Scotland: How we can include children and young people at all levels of our work. Facilitated by Women's Aid Scotland   |
| Seminar Room 10 | 4. <b>Helping Hands in practice:</b> an opportunity to take part in our <i>Helping Hands</i> Programme. Facilitated by Loughview Integrated Primary School & Women's Aid  |
| Tel 1           | 5. <b>Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES):</b> What are ACES and how can we account for them in our work and practice? Facilitated by Deidre McLaughlin, Connected for Life  |
| Tel 2           | 6. <b>You and Me Mum:</b> an opportunity take part in our <i>You and Me, Mum</i> programme. Facilitated by Debbie Mehaffey, author of the <i>You and Me, Mum</i> programme  |