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Give **Leadership**

Bring about **Advocacy and Change**

Enrol in the following conference event

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November, 2005

At the National Institute for the Study of Learning Difficulties, Trinity College, Dublin
4th Floor, 3 College Green, Dublin 2. Ph: 01 608 3885 Fax: 01 677 9131

Friday 2.15 – 3.15 pm	Alliances Leadership and Change <i>(See abstract page 2)</i> Dr. Michael Kendrick, Kendrick Consulting International, Massachusetts
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Refreshments

Friday 3.45 pm	<p>Leadership in Action: Self Determination, Community Development, Person Centred Relationships Parallel Panels with Speakers from across the three areas as outlined below:</p> <p>Self Determination <i>Building an Alliance for Supported Living</i> Christine Burke, Marie Wolfe, Josephine Flaherty, Brothers of Charity, Galway <i>Supporting One Another to Get a Life</i> Judy and Mickey Cannon, West Meath <i>Paul's Journey to Independence</i> Paul Alford, Peamount</p> <p>Community Development <i>Providing Support Services in Partnership with Local Community Groups</i> <i>The Kilkee Project, Brothers of Charity West Clare</i> Antonio Cebas McBride and team members <i>Seeing is believing: One Service's Story of Building Community Education and University Alliances</i> Stewarts Hospital, Further Education and Career Opportunities Group <i>A Partnership with the Clarion Hotels</i> Mary Shaw and Pat Swaine, Partners in Policy Making, Aontacht Phobail Teoranta</p> <p>Person Centred Relationships <i>Sharing the Power at the Local County Council Level with Disabled People</i> Aoife McCormack, Kerry County Council <i>Building Reliable Alliances with Service Users and Family Members</i> Brian Mc Lean, Brothers of Charity, Roscommon <i>An Alliance that Led to Moving to a Home of One's Own</i> Catherine Williams, Accommodation Outreach, SCJMS</p>
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Friday 5.15 – 6.15pm	Wine and cheese with Disability Arts Performance
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Saturday 9.30 – 10.30 am	New Empowered Roles and Partnership in Services: The Place of Consumer Family Governed Models Speaker: Dr. Michael Kendrick, Kendrick Consulting International, Massachusetts
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Saturday 11 – 12 am	Developing a Community Based Model of Advocacy Speaker: Scott Rorison, Director, Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service, Scotland (See abstract below)
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Saturday 12 – 1 pm	Panel of Advocacy Initiatives in Ireland in Response to Disability Act Helen Lahert, Comhairle Initiatives, Damien McCullagh, Advocacy Programme for People with Challenging Behaviour, NHS; Jim Winters, Self Advocacy, Cheshire; Advocacy Initiatives, SJOG
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1-2 pm Lunch Served

Saturday 2 pm	Implications of Alliances, Leadership, Advocacy and Change? Where to from here? Led by Dr. Michael Kendrick and Scott Rorison
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Plenary Abstracts

*Friday 25th November 2.15 -3.15 pm: **Alliances leadership and change***

Dr. Michael Kendrick

It is not always appreciated that many of the best and most innovative developments in our field have come about through combining leadership into strong collective projects, coalitions and movements. In most cases these have involved imaginative consumers and families. Consumers, families, direct staff involvement, professionals, academics and managers can often magnify their chances of achieving change by seeking and building alliances between likeminded individuals and leaders from all of these groups. This idea of collaborative leadership brings with it many potentials and challenges that this session will address.

Saturday 26th November: 9.30- 10.30am: ***New empowered roles and partnership in services: The place of consumer family governed models***, Dr. Michael Kendrick

While there has been a lot of talk about wanting consumers and families to be empowered, most consumers and families will not actually be able to obtain such options under present conditions. This is largely because most people remain unfamiliar with how this can actually be achieved, and lack exposure to locations and examples where such opportunities are more routinely available. This session will attempt to correct this by offering examples of how empowered and person centred options can be implemented in an affordable and practical way and which enable consumers and families to be very much "captains of their own ship". This session will be an overview of the progress that has been made on this issue.

Saturday 26th November: 11-12 pm ***Developing a community based model of advocacy***. Scott Rorison, Director, Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service, Scotland

In this presentation initiatives that have occurred through the Lomond Argyll Advocacy Group in Scotland to address the 2003 Scottish legislation that has established a right to *independent advocacy for people with mental disorder*, including learning disability, will be presented. Initiatives will cover the development of a community based model where volunteers, paid workers and service users across a diverse and largely rural area have worked together on advocacy issues. Also how individual matches have been made as well as collective and group advocacy will be outlined.

Biographies

Dr. Michael Kendrick

Dr. Michael Kendrick is an independent international consultant in human services. His interests and publications cover leadership, service quality, the creation of safeguards for vulnerable persons, and personalised approaches to reform in the human service field. He has occupied a variety of roles including that of Assistant Commissioner for Programme Development with the Massachusetts state government as well as Director for the Institute for Leadership and Community Development.

Scott Rorison – Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service

Scott is the Manager/Director of Lomond & Argyll Advocacy Service, which provides independent advocacy for adults with learning disabilities, adults who use mental health services and frail older people across a large and diverse part of Scotland, stretching from the outskirts of Glasgow to remote highland and island communities of rural Argyll. The Service provides volunteer and professional 'issue based' advocacy for individuals and supports a range of collective/group advocacy initiatives. Scott has contributed to the work of The Advocacy Safeguards Agency and The Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance.



BOOKING FORM

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