



Trinity College Extramural Course

NIID

National Institute for Intellectual Disability

MY LIFE MY STORY

We all tell stories of our lives to each other. But people with intellectual disabilities in the past have found it hard to have their stories heard.

In this workshop we will explore how the stories of people with intellectual disabilities can add to understanding of individuals and their lives, be a way of people's history being known to those around them and help us to take action on issues that affect their lives.

This workshop is an opportunity to find out more about how to do life story work and to use it effectively.

Aims

- To introduce you and your colleagues to life story work and to explore where it came from and why it is important.
- To gain a picture of how life story has been used by people with intellectual disabilities and their colleagues
- To start the journey of life story work.

Workshop Participants

We are inviting groups to come from services around Ireland. Each group should have between 1 and 4 people with intellectual disabilities and at least one support worker.

When?

Friday April 27, 2007 Time: 10 a.m - 4 p.m (Lunch will be served)

Where?

NIID, 4th Floor, 3 College Green, Dublin 2 (Entrance on Dame Street beside Starbucks Café)

Facilitators:

Professor Dorothy Atkinson: Dorothy has worked with people with intellectual disabilities and their families both as a social worker and as part of her work at the Open University in Milton Keynes, England. She has helped produce university courses for people with intellectual disabilities and has worked with individuals and groups over many years in producing people's life stories. Dorothy is spending two months in Ireland, developing some work on life histories at the National Institute for Intellectual Disability at Trinity College in Dublin.

Dr Kelley Johnson Kelley has worked with people with intellectual disabilities in Australia and in other countries for more than 15 years. She has worked with women who have told their life stories and has also worked with people to tell their stories of moving out of institutions and into the community. Kelley is a Marie Curie Research Fellow at the National Institute for Intellectual Disability, Trinity College Dublin.

Preparation for the Workshop:

We will send out information before the workshop as an introduction to it.

Cost? €50 for support workers - €20 for unwaged

RSVP to: akenned@tcd.ie or Phone 01 896 3885 by: Monday April 23, 2007

**FIND ATTACHED A PLAIN INFORMATION SHEET ABOUT THE WORKSHOP FOR YOU TO
DISTRIBUTE TO SERVICE USERS**