

## BOOKING FORM

First Name .....

Family Name .....

Address .....

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Contact Number.....

E-mail address.....

Special Dietary requirements (if any).....

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Please select one learning opportunity in each session you wish to attend in order of preference (1, 2 or 3):

### Workshop choice: Session 1

- 12:00 - 1:30  Miriam O'Regan 'Childminders and Parents Sharing the Care'
- Nicola Foxe 'Creative Storytelling'
- Gina Faustino 'Home: Creature Comfort'
- Áine Ní Súilleabháin 'Broga Nua: Having Fun with Irish Rhymes'

### Workshop choice: Session 2

- 2:30 - 4:00  Miriam O'Regan 'Childminders and Parents Sharing the Care'
- Nicola Foxe 'Creative Storytelling'
- Gina Faustino 'Home: Creature Comfort'
- Áine Ní Súilleabháin 'Broga Nua: Having Fun with Irish Rhymes'

**Fee:** Voluntary Notified to CCC/Active Childminders/ students - **€10.00** Others - **€15.00**

**FINAL CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BOOKING FORMS IS FRIDAY, 7th of November, 2015.**

This conference is for adults only. Childcare will not be available on the day.

Cheques/postal orders should be made payable to Dublin City Childcare Committee.

**Please note:** Workshop places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Bookings will only be accepted with full payment and completed booking form received at Dublin City Childcare Committee by the specified closing date.

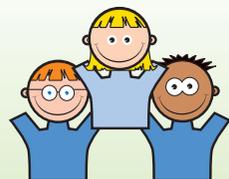
**Completed booking forms should be returned to:**

Dublin City Childcare Committee  
Ocean House  
Arran Quay, Dublin 7  
Phone: 01 889 7123; Email: [audra@dccc.ie](mailto:audra@dccc.ie)

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Marino Institute of Education  
Griffith Avenue  
Dublin 9

**Saturday, November 14th, 2015**  
**9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

## Master Class

### Aistear Theme: Exploring & Thinking

The child's social and emotional development is central to their happiness

### Sandy Suprak "Planting the Seeds for Growing Bright and Happy Children".

Shared will be some math, science, and literacy ideas to foster children's understanding and brain development to be successful young learners.

#### About Sandy:

Sandy has been working as a Senior Early Childhood Education Programme Instructor at Northcentral Technical College in the state of Wisconsin, U.S.A since 1997. Prior to college teaching experience, Sandy was a pre-school teacher and centre director as well as home based childminder while raising her own children. Besides teaching at the college, Sandy enjoys spending time with her 3 grandchildren who in turn provide her with great ideas and inspirations for her work.

## Learning Opportunities

### 1. Miriam O'Regan 'Childminders and Parents Sharing the Care'

#### Aistear Theme: Well-being

In this workshop you will get to explore your own attitudes and experiences towards sharing the care of a young child. Miriam will also share some research findings that can make this vital partnership work really well for all concerned – especially the child!

**About Miriam:** Former Childminder Advisory Officer, Miriam is currently researching attitudes towards professional childminding in Ireland at Dublin Institute of Technology.

### 2. Nicola Foxe 'Creative Story Telling'

#### Aistear Theme: Communicating and Well-being

This workshop is designed to give attendees guidelines on how to give storytelling a new dimension with just an extra little bit of creativity. Using popular household things, Nicola will introduce the concept of combining yoga and storytelling, calming breathwork and visualisation to increase the benefits of a storytelling session and to empower children to be healthy, happy and balanced little people.

**About Nicola:** Nicola has worked with children of all ages and cultures around the world in kindergartens, creches, schools and most recently as a home-based childminder in Dublin. Nicola was trained as a yoga instructor in 2011; seeing the benefits that children could reap from yoga, she specialised as

children's yoga instructor and later as a special needs yoga instructor. Combining all her experiences and knowledge, Nicola now hosts yoga storytelling workshops and sessions around Dublin.

### 3 Gina Faustino 'Home: Creature Comfort'

#### Aistear Theme: Identity & Belonging and Well-being

What makes a Home? What does it look like? How does it feel? What does it sound like? Each participant is invited to ask these questions and create a creature of his home using wool fibres, paper, found natural objects and personal objects.

Childhood is a time full of colours, smells and feelings-we will draw upon these throughout the workshop creating parallels between the creature's home and the participant's home.

Tips for preparing your own sessions and meeting the needs of your children will be discussed as well as how it can prompt many further opportunities for creative work.

**About Gina:** Gina's work is an exploration of many paths. As a Textile Artist she works primarily with natural fibres such as wool, silk, mohair, cashmere and cotton, which she manipulates to create handmade felt artworks. She also likes to work with paper, mostly in the area of modular origami. A variety of sources trigger her designs- the natural world, patterns, people, colours, textures, travel to different places and small things. The different layers and levels evident in her work reflect her diverse cultural background (Canadian/Portuguese/Irish) and prior education in Biology and Interior Architecture. The challenge for her in creating a piece is to thread together her ideas and give them a coherent form. Her satisfaction comes from the successful completion of a piece and the pleasure it brings to other people.

### 4. Áine Ní Súilleabháin "Broga Nua: Having Fun with Irish Rhymes"

#### Aistear Theme: Communicating and Identity & Belonging

You do not need to be an Irish language speaker to enjoy this interactive workshop which focuses on the introduction of Irish in a fun and playful way. Babies, toddlers and young children revel in rhyme, rhythm, repetition and the many new and exciting sounds of the Irish language. Rhymes, music, and movement have traditionally been essential tools in acquiring languages. Research shows conclusively that exposure to a second language in the early years has many intellectual and social benefits associated with it.

**About Áine:** For many years Áine has been involved with the Irish Language Pre-School movement. She works nationally as an early year's trainer delivering workshops and courses on the introduction of the Irish language, in a fun way, through simple action rhymes and songs. Her guide for parents and childcare practitioners *Bróga Nua: Enjoying Irish with Young Children*, was published in October 2012.

## Seminar Programme

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Registration and networking
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome address Joe Rynn, Manager DCCC
9:50– 11:50 p.m.	Master class: 'Planting the Seeds for Growing Bright and Happy Children', presented by Sandy Suprak, Senior Instructor, Northcentral Technical College, Wausau, WI, USA
11:50 – 12:00 p.m.	Break and networking
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Learning opportunities:</b> 1. Edmund Hall - Miriam O'Regan, 'Childminders and Parents Sharing the Care' 2. Room 4 - Nicola Foxe 'Creative Storytelling' 3. Room 7 - Gina Faustino 'Home: Creature Comfort' 4. Room 8 - Áine Ní Súilleabháin 'Broga Nua: Having Fun with Irish Rhymes'
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch and networking
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Learning opportunities:</b> 1. Edmund Hall - Miriam O'Regan, 'Childminders and Parents Sharing the Care' 2. Room 4 - Nicola Foxe 'Creative Storytelling' 3. Room 7 - Gina Faustino 'Home: Creature Comfort' 4. Room 8 - Áine Ní Súilleabháin 'Broga Nua: Having Fun with Irish Rhymes'
4:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Closing and raffle Certificates