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WELCOME MESSAGE

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to our Health Promotion Annual Conference, which this year is dedicated to Sexual Health Promotion.

Over the last few decades, there have been important positive and negative changes in sexual and reproductive health, in Ireland and globally. Our keynote speakers, parallel session and poster presenters and workshop leaders will provide vital insights into these phenomena and trends. We are looking forward to the exchange of ideas and insights, involving all delegates. All of us have a role to play in the future of sexual health.

We are fortunate to have continued collaboration with the Department of Health, the Health Service Executive, and the Association of Health Promotion Ireland, and we gratefully acknowledge their support and engagement in planning this year's conference programme.

On behalf of all our colleagues in Health Promotion at the University of Galway, we are delighted to welcome practitioners, policymakers and researchers to this year's meeting. We hope you will have a fruitful day.

Dr András Költő and Professor Saoirse Nic Gabhainn

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Dr András Költő is a Health Psychologist and a Senior Postdoctoral Researcher at the Health Promotion Research Centre at University of Galway. His main research interests are adolescent and adult sexual health, and LGBTQ+ health and wellbeing. He has conducted national and cross-national population health surveys since 2010. András teaches in the Health Promotion Master's Programme, and he also worked in clinical and counselling settings.



Professor Saoirse Nic Gabhainn is Professor of Health Promotion in the School of Health Sciences and Principal Investigator at the Health Promotion Research Centre at the University of Galway. She has 35 years of academic research experience in risk behaviours, including sexual health, and settings for child and adolescent health promotion. Saoirse has led the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) Ireland team since 1994.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

Time	Venue: Arts Millennium Building, University of Galway	Room
8:30	Registration and Coffee	Foyer
9:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Interim President Peter McHugh, University of Galway</i> <i>Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and the National Drugs Strategy</i> <i>Deputy Chief Medical Officer Professor Philip Dodd, Department of Health</i>	AMB-1021
9:30	Morning Plenary Session Sexual Health Promotion Internationally and in Ireland Chair: Dr András Költő Looking back and thinking ahead: Reflecting on 50 years of sexual health policy and practice <i>Professor Kaye Wellings, The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK</i> Sexual health policy in Ireland – An overview <i>Dr Fiona Mansergh, Department of Health, Ireland</i>	AMB-1021
11:00	Coffee Break and Poster Viewing	Foyer & 1 st floor gallery
11:30	Parallel Sessions	See pages 7–11

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

Time	Venue: Arts Millennium Building, University of Galway	Room
12:45	Lunch and Poster Viewing Take a walk on the campus	An Bhialann
14:00	Afternoon Plenary Session From awareness to action: Practice and Evidence in Sexual Health Promotion Chair: Professor Saoirse Nic Gabhainn Our journey to reducing Sexually Transmitted Infections in Ireland: How are we doing? <i>Professor Fiona Lyons, St. James's Hospital Dublin and HSE Sexual Health Programme</i> Sexual violence and abuse in Ireland <i>Dr Clíona Saidléar, Rape Crisis Network Ireland</i> Sexual health across the life course: Evidence from past and future population health studies in Ireland <i>Dr András Költő, University of Galway</i> Panel Discussion and Q&A	AMB-1021
15:30	Workshops with Coffee	See page 12
16:30	Closing Session: Fruits, Snacks and Music Presentation of the AHPI Most Innovative Posters Awards <i>Ms Aisling Doherty & Dr Ronan Dillon, Association for Health Promotion Ireland</i> Traditional Irish Music	Foyer
17:00	Conference close	

PARALLEL SESSIONS 11:30 – 12:45

Session 1: Sexual Health of LGBTQ+ Youth

Room: AMB-G005

Chair: Professor Elizabeth Saewyc, *Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre, School of Nursing, University of British Columbia, Canada*

Presenting author	Title
Ms Marie Louise Umwangange, Dr Abdul-Fatawu Abdulai, Dr Mauricio Coronel Villalobos, Dr Monica Rana & Prof. Elizabeth Saewyc (<i>Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre, School of Nursing, University of British Columbia, Canada</i>)	Sexual behaviours among sexual minority migrant adolescents in Western Canada over 20 years
Dr Monica Rana, Ms Renée Woodward, Dr Mauricio Coronel Villalobos, & Prof. Elizabeth Saewyc (<i>Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre, School of Nursing, University of British Columbia, Canada</i>)	Is it getting better? Trends in sexual health behaviours among lesbian, gay, bisexual and mostly heterosexual (LGB+) adolescents in Western Canada
Prof. Elizabeth Saewyc, Dr Mauricio Coronel Villalobos, Ms Renée Woodward, & Dr Annie Smith (<i>Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre, School of Nursing, University of British Columbia, Canada</i>)	The Perception Gap: Sexual health behaviours among trans and nonbinary adolescents vs. cisgender peers in Western Canada
Dr Thelma Begley & Prof. Agnes Higgins (<i>School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin</i>)	Sources of information and their usefulness in relation to sexuality and sexual health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Questioning (LGBQ) Adolescents

Session 2: Sexual Violence, Consent and Pornography

Room: AMB-G006

Chair: Dr Laurie Décarpentrie, *University of Galway*

Presenting author	Title
Prof. Anne Nolan & Prof. Emer Smyth (<i>Economic and Social Research Institute</i>)	Online pornography and condom use among young adults in Ireland
Dr Nicola Murphy, Dr Peter Barrett (<i>Department of Public Health, HSE Southwest</i>), Mr Emmet Major (<i>Western Region Drug and Alcohol Task Force</i>), & Dr Breeda Neville (<i>National Cancer Control Programme</i>)	Pornography use and its impact on risk-taking sexual behaviours among adolescents in the West of Ireland
Dr Ann Rousseau (<i>KdG University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Belgium</i>)	Mapping sexual harassment and violence in nightlife: Prevalence, contexts, reporting barriers, and implications for prevention
Ms Elisa Belmonte, Ms Hollie Byrne, Dr Ronan Daly, & Dr Zara Molphy (<i>Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland</i>)	Debunking the Myths - The science behind our sexual health: Advancing youth sexual health education in Ireland through evidence-based practice
Mr Kevin O'Driscoll & Ms Louise Monaghan (<i>National Youth Council of Ireland</i>)	Addressing consent and pornography with young people

Session 3: Training and Education for Sexual Health Promotion

Room: AMB-G007

Chair: Dr Saintuya Dashdondog, *University of Galway*

Presenting author	Title
Ms Catherine Corbett (<i>Active* Consent, University of Galway</i>) & Tonya Pell (<i>School of Education, University of Galway</i>)	Consent education for student teachers
Dr Conor Hogan (<i>Scoil Áine, Merlin Park Hospital, Merlin Park, Galway</i>)	Tackling misogyny and sexism In Irish schools
Dr Marita Hennessy, Ms Zara Harnett, & Prof Keelin O'Donoghue (<i>Pregnancy Loss Research Group, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University College Cork; INFANT Research Centre, University College Cork</i>)	Laying the foundations for integrating pregnancy loss and fertility awareness and knowledge within second-level education
Dr Laura Linehan (<i>Pregnancy Loss Research Group, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University College Cork; INFANT Research Centre, University College Cork</i>), Dr Brendan Fitzgerald (<i>Pregnancy Loss Research Group, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University College Cork; Department of Pathology, Cork University Hospital</i>), & Ms Ríona Cotter (<i>Pregnancy Loss Research Group, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University College Cork</i>)	Co-creating educational resources with young people to enhance pregnancy loss and fertility awareness
Ms Ciara Tyrrell (<i>Solas Óg, COPE Galway, Ireland</i>)	Beyond 'Just Talk': How interactive education is rewriting the script on teen relationships

Session 4: Services and Interventions

Room: AMB-G008

Chair: Dr Lhara Mullins, *University of Galway*

Presenting author	Title
Ms Caroline Hurley, Prof. Fiona Lyons & Ms Rachael Metrustry (<i>HSE Sexual Health Programme</i>)	Delivery and monitoring a national HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) programme
Ms Rachael Metrustry, Ms Caroline Hurley and Prof. Fiona Lyons (<i>HSE Sexual Health Programme</i>), & Mr Justin Harbottle (<i>SH:24</i>)	Delivery and innovation of the HSE national home STI testing service
Dr Chris Noone & Mr Niall Caulfield (<i>School of Psychology, University of Galway</i>)	How do Gay and Bi men navigate partner notification after an STI? A story completion study
Ms Verena Tarpey (<i>GOSHH, Limerick</i>) & Ms Santhi Corcoran (<i>Mary Immaculate College, Limerick</i>)	Exploring experiences of sexual health services for Sub Saharan African women in Midwest of Ireland
Dr Leigh-Ann Sweeney, Dr Aisling Callan, & Dr Susan Flynn (<i>School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin</i>)	Understanding LGBTQ+ individuals' awareness and experiences of the Free Contraception Scheme and contraception more broadly

Session 5: Settings for Sexual Health Promotion

Room: AMB-G009

Chair: Dr Allison Dunne, *University of Galway*

Presenting author	Title
Ms Ruchika Mathur, Prof. Saoirse Nic Gabhainn, & Prof. Colette Kelly (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>)	Adolescent perspectives on improving sexual health services in Rajasthan, India
Mr Elshaddai Mahuda (<i>Sexual Health Centre</i>) & Ms Ella Guebers (<i>University College Cork</i>)	Beyond the Bird Box: Innovative sexual health outreach in Cork's cruising sites
Ms Tanya Higgins-Carey (<i>Limerick City and County Council; PDip Programme in Construction Innovation, University of Galway</i>)	Advancing period equity through local government: The Limerick approach
Ms Fiona Murphy (<i>HSE Sexual Health Programme</i>)	Barriers, enablers and approaches to parental relationships and sexuality communication between parents and caregivers and children with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder: A scoping review
Ms Laura Tully & Dr Thomas Walsh (<i>Technological University of the Shannon</i>)	Bridging the gap: A campus-based sexual health model at Technological University of the Shannon

WORKSHOPS WITH COFFEE 15:30 – 16:30

Presenting author	Title	Room
Ms Moira Germaine (<i>HSE Sexual Health Programme</i>) & Ms Catherine Byrne (<i>HSE South West, Ireland</i>)	The Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion (FPSHP): A case study in the successful evolution of a sexual health promotion training programme from regional to national delivery	AMB-G005
Dr Martin Power (<i>Discipline of Health Promotion, School of Health Sciences, University of Galway</i>)	Sexual health and wellbeing of older adults in Ireland	AMB-G006
Ms Lorraine O'Connell (<i>Sexual Health West, Ireland</i>)	Partner Up! The effectiveness of partnership working to address local sexual health needs	AMB-G007
Dr Éadaoin Butler (<i>South East Technological University, Ireland</i>)	Data analysis for impact: Harnessing the Irish National Survey of Sexual Health for secondary analysis	AMB-G008
Ms Stevie Browne (<i>La Trobe University, Australia</i>)	Managing vicarious effects: Practitioner self-care through poetry	AMB-G009
Dr Ronan Daly, Ms Elisa Belmonte, & Prof. Fergal D. Malone (<i>RCSI Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Rotunda Hospital Dublin</i>)	Sexual health treatment and prevention: A doctor's toolkit	AMB-G010
Mr Michael Kiernan & Ms Aisling Harrington (<i>Foróige, Ireland</i>)	REAL U: Empowering young people through relationship and sexuality education	AMB-G012
Ms Aoife O'Brien (<i>Health Service Executive HSE, Ireland</i>)	Breaking the silence: Understanding erectile and sexual dysfunction in men	AMB-G036

POSTER COMMUNICATIONS 11:00 – 11:30

Sexual Health Posters

Presenting author	Title	Poster No.
Ms Margaret Mc Loone (ATU, Ireland, HEAL Research Centre, ATU & University of Galway), Prof. Saoirse Nic Gabhainn, & Prof. Colette Kelly (Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway)	Can walls really talk? Case study outlining the creation of a breastfeeding wall mural on a university campus in Ireland	1
Ms Siobhán Morrissey (HSE)	Healthy choices: Empowering women to make informed health decisions throughout key hormonal stages of life	2
Dr Nahom Megerssa Negasa & Dr Aoife Howard (University of Galway)	Sociocultural barriers to HPV vaccination of women in low-income countries: A scoping review	3
Ms Aoife O'Brien (HSE)	Unequal exchanges: Gendered attitudes toward sexting and the challenge for health promotion in digital spaces	4

Presenting author	Title	Poster No.
Ms Lisa O'Hagan, Ms Bridget McHugh, & Ms Caoimhe Rudden (<i>HSE</i>)	Foundation Programme in sexual health promotion: Case studies from Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo, 2016-2024	5
Ms Dara McDonald (<i>HSE Sexual Health Programme</i>)	The HSE National Condom Distribution Service in Ireland: A service update	6
Ms Dara McDonald (<i>HSE Sexual Health Programme</i>)	HSE My Options service evaluation	7
Ms Caoimhe McClafferty (<i>HSE Sexual Health Programme</i>) & Mr Ben Lindsay (<i>HSE Dublin North City and County</i>)	Sexual health signposting training: For professionals working with International Protection Applicants	8
Dr Amir Kabunga, Dr Barnard Omech, Dr Odette Murara, Dr Samson Udho, Dr Maxson Anyolitho, & Dr Judith Abal (<i>Lira University, Uganda</i>)	Enhancing integration of adolescent family planning and post-abortion care in Northern Uganda: A citizen science, gender-transformative approach	9

Presenting author	Title	Poster No.
Dr Leighann Ryan Culleton (<i>Children and Young People's Services Committees</i>) & Ms Katie Dillon Keane (<i>HSE Health Promotion and Improvement</i>)	Developing a multi-stakeholder sexual health promotion resource to support Irish teachers with professional development and reputable information	10
Ms Margo Noonan (<i>Sexual Assault Treatment Unit, South infirmary Victoria university Hospital and University College Cork</i>)	The impact of an educational program on challenging rape myths and misconceptions in adolescent males	11
Ms Mags Carey (<i>UCD Sustainability, University College Dublin</i>), Dr John Gilmore (<i>School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin</i>), & Dr Cathal O'Broin (<i>School of Medicine, University College Dublin</i>)	Raising Awareness of STIs in a University Setting	12
Ms Stevie Browne (<i>La Trobe University, Australia</i>)	Teachers' experiences of mandatory reporting, an Australian perspective	13

Presenting author	Title	Poster No.
Dr Ana Luísa Patrão (<i>Centre for Psychology, Faculty of Psychology and Education Science of the University of Porto, Portugal</i>), Prof. Colette Kelly and Dr András Költő (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>), & Prof. Pedro Nobre (<i>Centre for Psychology at University of Porto, Faculty of Psychology and Education Science of the University of Porto, Portugal</i>)	The importance of an intersectional approach to sexual health promotion: A narrative reflection for public policies	14
Mr Elshaddai Mahuda (<i>Sexual Health Centre, Cork, Ireland</i>)	Taps, woofs and growls: Utilising geolocation apps to reach gbMSM community for sexual health promotion	15
Ms Ruchika Mathur (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>), Mr Dean O'Reilly (<i>INISH Public and Patient Involvement Panel for the General Population</i>), Dr András Költő, Prof. Colette Kelly, & Prof. Saoirse Nic Gabhainn (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>)	In bed together: Flexible patient and public involvement in the Irish National Survey of Sexual Health	16

Health Promotion Posters

Presenting author	Title	Poster no
Dr Allison Dunne (<i>Discipline of Health Promotion, University of Galway</i>) & Ms Geraldine Sheils (<i>School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Galway</i>)	Cross-sector partnerships in Health Promoting Universities: Mapping the university parkruns in Ireland	17
Ms Caroline Mahon & Ms Kristen Venianakis (<i>Higher Education Authority</i>)	A whole campus approach to wellbeing: The HEA Self-Evaluation Tool	18
Dr Elena Vaughan, Ms Rachael Maloney, & Prof. Colette Kelly (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>)	A large scoping review of policy-relevant research on children and young people in Ireland	19
Ms Hannah Linney, Dr Sinead Keogh, & Dr Ken VanSomeren (<i>Atlantic Technological University, Galway</i>)	Digital health literacy and health behaviours in adolescents: A scoping review protocol	20
Dr Aoife Howard, Ms Rachael Maloney, & Prof. Colette Kelly (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>)	Policymakers' research priorities for the next cross-governmental research programme for children and young people in Ireland	21

Presenting author	Title	Poster no
Ms Divya Ravikumar-Grant & Prof. Colette Kelly (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>)	Assessing the feasibility of food-based guidelines for homeless services	22
Ms Margaret Hester, Dr Catherine Ann Field, Prof. Margaret Hodgins, & Prof. Saoirse Nic Gabhainn (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>)	Perspectives on synthetic opioid preparedness from Irish and American substance use experts	23
Dr Saintuya Dashdondog, Dr Verna McKenna, Ms Katie Howell, & Mr Adam O'Callaghan (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>)	Realist evaluation of HSE-funded social prescribing services in Ireland	24
Ms Ellie Patterson, Dr Verna McKenna, Dr Lorraine Duffy (<i>Health Promotion Research Centre, University of Galway</i>), & Dr Yvonne Finn (<i>School of Medicine, University of Galway</i>)	Strengthening communications during patient discharge processes: Improving patient experienced quality of care and patient safety	25

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Professor Kaye Wellings joined the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) in 1993 after holding posts at the Open University, the Family Planning Association, the Health Education Authority, and St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Imperial College. Prof. Wellings' focus is on policy-relevant research. She is best

known for having founded and co-led the National Surveys of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (Natsal). In 1996, she set up the Centre for Sexual and Reproductive Health Research, whose work has been at the forefront of public health policy in sexual and reproductive health in the past three decades. In 2006, she led the team carrying out the first global study of sexual behaviour commissioned and published by the Lancet and the World Health Organization (WHO), and repeated in 2019.

Prof. Wellings is an elected Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health, and the Academy of Social Sciences. She has also served as chair and member of a range of advisory committees, including the Medical Research Council, the Economic and Social Research Council, the Department of Health and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and, internationally, the World Bank, the WHO, the European Commission and the International Planned Parenthood Federation. Currently, she is a Trustee of the Population Council, a member of the Council's Executive Committee and Chair of the Technical Advisory Group.



Dr **Fiona Mansergh** is an Assistant Principal Officer working in the Health and Wellbeing Programme (H&WP) in the Department of Health. The Unit co-ordinates the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Framework and policies under its umbrella. She has policy lead responsibility for

sexual health, contraception, period poverty/dignity and Healthy Ireland research, monitoring and evaluation. She is a member of the Department's Women's Health Taskforce.

Her research brief includes managing and co-ordinating the Healthy Ireland Survey, Health Behaviours in School-Aged Children Study (HBSC), Healthy Ireland Outcomes Framework, and oversight of a number of research projects.

Dr Mansergh has a PhD in Molecular Genetics and worked in research in Ireland, Canada and the UK, for over 20 years before working with Science Foundation Ireland in 2015 and joining the Department of Health in 2016, where she initially worked in the Acute Hospitals Policy Division and subsequently on physical activity policy before getting involved in sexual and women's health.

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Dr Cliona Saidléar is the Executive Director of Rape Crisis Network Ireland (RCNI). Cliona has spent 20 years specialising in and advocating on all forms of sexual violence and the systems necessary to respond and prevent. She was a Ministerial appointment to the working group that developed the HEI Framework for Consent and

now sits on the HEA advisory body for same. She has been called upon internationally to share her expertise at European and UN levels and has been working with partners across Europe on developing models and standards on sexual violence specialisation. She is a member of the Health Research Board, Chair of the National Statistics Board and currently also chairs the Children Living with Domestic and Sexual Violence NGO coalition group. Her PhD is in International Politics from the University of Aberystwyth.



Professor Fiona Lyons is a consultant in Genitourinary Medicine at the GUIDE clinic, St. James's Hospital, Clinical Professor in Genitourinary Medicine at the School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin and the National Clinical Lead at the HSE Sexual Health Programme. Her special interests include HIV infection in women, pregnancy, HIV prevention and new models of STI care delivery.



Dr András Költő is a Health Psychologist and a Senior Postdoctoral Researcher at the Health Promotion Research Centre at the University of Galway. His main research interests are adolescent and adult sexual health, and LGBTQ+ health and wellbeing. He has conducted national and cross-national population health surveys since 2010. András teaches in the Health Promotion Master's Programme, and he also worked in clinical and counselling settings.

INVITED SPEAKER



Professor Elizabeth Saewyc is a Distinguished University Scholar and Director at the School of Nursing, and Executive Director, Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre (SARAVYC) at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. She leads the Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre

(SARAVYC). The research at SARAVYC focuses on how stigma and trauma influence the health of marginalized young people, and what protective factors and interventions can foster resilience. Populations include lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and Two Spirit (LGBTQ2S) teens; runaway and homeless youth; sexually abused and sexually-exploited adolescents; and Indigenous young people in Canada and other countries.

INVITED WORKSHOP LEADERS



Dr Éadaoin Butler is the National Research Programme Officer at South East Technological University, Ireland. Prior to this, she was Acting Research Manager at the HSE Sexual Health Programme, where she was responsible for research management. She also conducted a national review of crisis pregnancy counselling services arising from her co-authorship of the Unplanned Pregnancy and Abortion Care Study. Éadaoin holds a PhD in Health Science from the University of Auckland.



Ms Moira Germaine, originally a post primary teacher, has over 20 years' experience of working in the area of sexual health promotion within the HSE. She is currently the HSE Sexual Health Programme's (SHP) Education and Training Manager, leading on many of the promotion and education actions within the national strategy. Moira works with statutory and NGO colleagues to develop sexual health promotion training and education resources for a range of population groups and was a part of the original team that developed the 'Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion', the national management of which now falls under her remit.



Ms Catherine Byrne is a Health Promotion and Improvement Officer based in HSE South West. Catherine has worked for over 20 years in the area of sexual health and health promotion in both the voluntary and statutory sectors. In 2009 Catherine was a lead member of the team who devised and created the Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion

(FPSHP). In 2016 she was appointed National Co-ordinator to oversee and manage the rollout of the FPSHP from being a local, evidence-based training programme, to become a National Sexual Health training under the National Sexual Health Strategy. She continues to work in sexual health promotion in the areas of training and development.



Ms Lorraine O'Connell is the West of Ireland Sexuality Education Resource (WISER) Coordinator for Sexual Health West for over 15 years. Her background is in Health Promotion, specialising in Sexual Health Promotion with her MA in Sexuality Studies. Lorraine has delivered Relationships and Sexuality Education in primary, secondary and third level institutions and within various community settings throughout her career.



Dr Martin Power is a Lecturer in the Discipline of Health Promotion, School of Health Sciences at the University of Galway. Martin's areas of research interest include risk and regulation, assessment and care planning, and the professionalisation of social care. Martin has been involved in a range of Erasmus projects, examining topics such as building the resilience of health and social care professionals, aggression and violence against caregivers in older people's services, and intimacy and sexual health for older people. Martin is also a keen armchair rugby fan.

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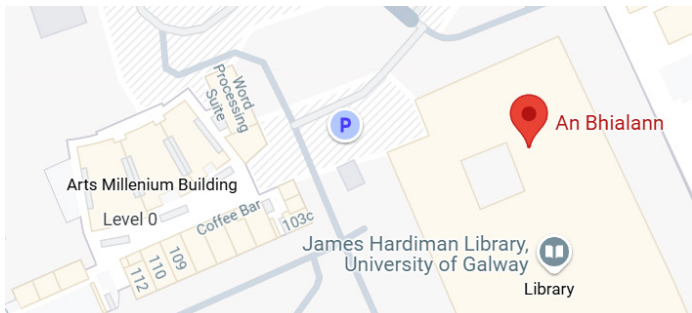
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Lunch

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