



Welcome to NISCC e-News.....

This bulletin is for our registrants, their employers and our stakeholders to update you about issues related to professional registration and to share information about our work to help improve and develop the workforce.

If you have any comments to improve our e-News, or would like to submit a story for publication please email comms@niscc.hscni.net



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colum Conway'.

Colum Conway – NISCC Chief Executive

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Coming Up! - Professional in Practice

PiP Awards Event – 15 June 2017

On Thursday 15 June 2017 we celebrate the achievement of Social Workers who this year successfully completed their PiP Award. Congratulations and we hope you can all join us on the day. Your invitation will be with you shortly!

NISCC Social Work Ambassador Scheme Launched #WSWD17

We were delighted to have employers, social workers, service users and ambassadors join us at our recent launch of the Social Work Ambassadors Scheme as part of the celebrations for World Social Work Day 2017



Opening the event Colum Conway CE NISCC, thanked the ambassadors for their valuable contribution to social work: "This Ambassador Scheme will be an important part of the Social Work Profession in the coming years"

Our guest speakers: Neil Irvine Service User, Barbara Campbell AD SEHSCT, Jonathan Dillon NHSCT & Dawn Richardson Salvation Army both Social Work Ambassadors and Christine Smyth Strategy Director of SW, DoH provided us with different and interesting perspectives:

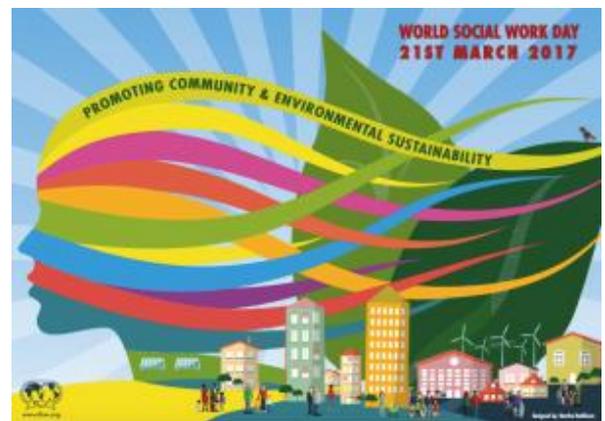
NISCC Social Work Ambassadors will raise the profile and identity of Social Work. Read more at <https://youtu.be/HJw1dM3YnRE>

The aim of the scheme is to:

- Provide information to potential social work applicants and careers advisors about the social work role
- Strengthen and raise the profile and identity of social workers
- Support and foster pride in the social work profession

For information on the scheme and to request an Ambassador visit, go to

<https://niscc.info/careers/niscc-ambassadors>



Economic Survey Identifies Strength of Northern Ireland's Adult Social Care Sector

A recent study published by Ulster University Economic Policy Centre into the Economic Value of the Adult Social Care Sector in Northern Ireland demonstrates the significant contribution of the sector towards the NI Economy directly providing 41,000 jobs - 5% of total employment in NI - and generating £800 million in annual turnover. Read more and view the full report at

<http://www.niscc.info/news/138-economic-survey-identifies-strength-of-northern-irelands-adult-social-care-sector>



Registration for Social Care Workers in Domiciliary Care, Day Care & Supported Living Settings in NI – **Make sure you apply in time?**



If you are a social care worker practising in any of these job roles, you must be registered with the NISCC. To make sure you meet the registration deadline, your application must be submitted to NISCC by 31 March 2017.

Please note - it will take around 6-8 weeks to process the high volume of applications currently in the system. You can continue to work in your social care role while your application is being processed.

Don't delay - apply today!

If you haven't already completed your NISCC application, make sure you sign up and pay your £30 application fee online today at: <https://niscconline.hscni.net>

The online application takes about 30 minutes to complete. You will need to provide your contact details, copies of photographic ID and your employment history. Your employer will also need to endorse your application. Check out the handy booklets and video clips about 'How to Register' on our website at <http://www.niscc.info/registration-standards/how-to-guides> .

Helping you with the Registration Process

We have lots on information and support to help social care workers and managers to complete the registration process. Go to our website to access [Resource materials](#), '[How to Guides](#)', and [YouTube presentations](#). Contact the NISCC Customer Service Team if you need advice. Email: info@niscc.hscni.net or call 028 9536 2600.

Visitors to NISCC



Dr Hani Nouman learning about Regulation of Social Work Education & Training as part of her study tour with Brian Taylor @UlsterUni on Decision Making in Child Protection



Five Countries Together – an opportunity to share information on how we assess international applications for social work *read on* <http://www.niscc.info/news/140-five-countries-together>

Queens University Belfast – Applied Social Studies Open Morning

Queens University Belfast recently held its annual open morning sharing information on Post Qualifying courses offering pathways in Child care, Mental Health, Strategy & Leadership, Systemic Practice Family Therapy and Dual Diagnosis (Substance Misuse & Mental Health) and the Cognitive Behavioural Programme.



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If you missed the event and are interested in the courses/pathways visit <http://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/Course-Finder/PCF1617/PTCF1617/> Full list of the PiP approved programmes available from our website at <http://www.niscc.info/professional-in-practice/pip>

Video and Resources from February Seminar Now Available

Thanks to Lynda McGill and Louise Faulkner from NHSCT presented on “Why am I in care? The Narrative Model for Communicating with Children about entry into care that promotes psychological safety and adjustment”

Watch the video of their presentation from our website at <http://www.niscc.info/events> You can see the PowerPoint presentation and additional resources there too.



Due to confidentiality restrictions, we cannot distribute samples of narratives referred to however; you can contact Lynda McGill Lynda.mcgill@northerntrust.hscni.net for further information.

Retirement Congratulations for Professor Mary McColgan – Ulster University

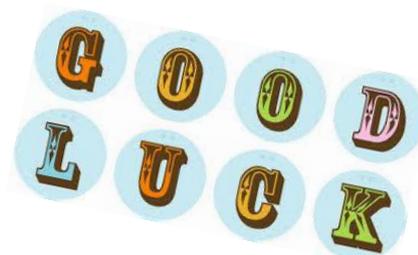
Members of staff from NISCC were delighted to join with colleagues to mark the retirement of Professor Mary McColgan as Head of School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies at the University of Ulster.

The event was fittingly held in the Great Hall at the Magee Campus. It reflected the calibre of Mary’s long and illustrious career in the world of academia as well as the professional expertise and experience she shared well beyond the university.

She has made an immense contribution to social work education and training both at qualifying and post qualifying level. We were privileged to have Mary act as Chair of the PQ

Approval Panel as well as sit on the PQ Management Board.

We wish Mary a long, happy and healthy retirement but we know she isn’t hanging up her social work coat altogether and will continue to be involved in some part-time work initiatives.



New Chairs and Members for Registration and Fitness to Practise Committees

Congratulations to our new Lay Chair and 6 Social Care members who were appointed in February. We wish you well in your new posts.

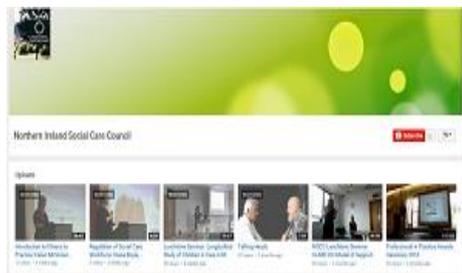
NISCC Seminars and Workshops – take part or catch up on YouTube

We run a range of workshops and seminars throughout the year. These are seminars are free to attend. Details and booking information is shared on our website [Events](#) page. If you can't attend on the day, catch up later on our You Tube channel.

Tax Relief on Registrant Fees - remember to claim from HMRC

Remember to claim tax relief on fees you have paid for NISCC registration. More information about tax and the forms you need to submit is available from the [HMRC website](#)

Share the Social Care Story - Keep in touch with NISCC on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter



We have clips and animations to help share news and information about registration, regulation and professional development for social work and social care workers. Have a look and subscribe to the [Northern Ireland Social Care Council You Tube Channel](#). Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for live news and stories from events with our registrants and social. We now have 794 Facebook Page likes and 1503 Twitter Followers. Please Like and Share with your colleagues and friends to spread social care good news stories.

Council Meetings – Open and accessible

You are welcome to come along to our Council meetings. They are usually held in our office at Millennium House.

Dates for 2017-18 - **26 April 2017 and 30 June 2017**

If you would like to attend a meeting, please email maureen.martin@niscc.hscni.net or call 028 9536 2952. Minutes from previous meetings are published on our website at: <http://www.niscc.info/about/how-we-make-decisions>



Customer Service – Here to help

We can help with queries about our work & the services we offer, including advice on your NISCC registration, using your NISCC Online account, routes into education & training and information about our Corporate Management. Call: **028 9536 2600** (lines open Mon-Fri 09.00-13.00 & 14.00-16.00). Email info@niscc.hscni.net

This newsletter is to update you on news and projects affecting the social care workforce in NI. Registrants using the information within the newsletter to develop their knowledge and practice can include the learning and development in their Post Registration Training & Learning record.

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