

## Guest Speakers

**Mary Moloney**

**Co-author of 'Voice and Choice'  
A School Age Programme Framework**

The focus of Mary's presentation will be on School age childcare as a hub of democracy for children and families. It will look at how School Age Childcare can support children to develop a broad range of skills considered essential within a knowledge society. The emphasis is on how adults working with children in School Age Childcare can support them to be independent, questioning, and analytical in their outlook, yet deeply familiar with the precepts and practices of democracy within the setting and wider society.



Voice and Choice was developed as a result of research both locally and nationally into the needs of the school age childcare sector in Ireland. A key theme emerging from the research was the need to develop a curriculum framework for the sector as a means of supporting providers to develop quality practice and to improve existing school age provision. Voice and Choice is intended to support school childcare practitioners in establishing appropriate environments, understanding the developmental needs of a diverse age range and in providing guidance on how to plan for children's needs through programmes of activity.

## Tom Ryan

**'Reflecting Children'**

Tom Ryan is a counsellor / psychotherapist working in Cork. In these presentations, Tom will be using concepts from the world of psychotherapy to help:

- understand the childhood experience
- improve adult – child communication
- support adults working with children in the 4 – 12 age group
- 'parent ourselves' and thereby parent our children

Tom teaches on counselling, communication and parent mentoring courses at University College Cork and PCI College. He shares a practice and works in close conjunction with Dr Tony Humphreys.

Tom will present a number of perspectives from the world of psychotherapy which can offer us useful ways of thinking about adult-child interactions. These are not quick-fix solutions but avenues towards deepening relationships with ourselves and between ourselves and the children in our care.



## Booking Form

Name

Address

Mobile/ Telephone

Email

Parent.....

Teacher.....

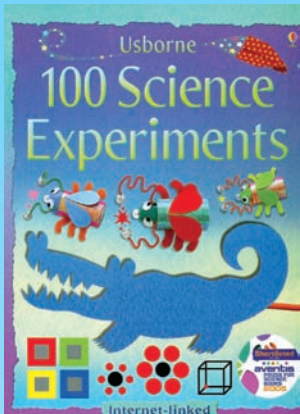
Childcare Provider.....

Childcare Service /School

Places are limited so early booking is advisable  
RSVP; Wednesday 1st December 2010 by 5:00pm  
Return with fee of €10 payable to: Leitrim County  
Childcare Committee  
*This fee is non refundable.*

**Leitrim County Childcare Committee**  
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Ice breaker Activity and spot prizes available on the day

**BCCN Information Stand**  
With information on:

'After-school Quality Development Information Pack'

'After-school Quality Development Service Evaluation System'

Both available to purchase at a reduced rate on the day



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**Reflecting Children Conference Agenda**

- 9.15 - 9.30 Registration
- 9.30 - 9.40 Welcome, Paschal Mooney, Chairperson, Leitrim County Childcare Committee
- 9.40 - 10.10 Introduction & Activity Workshop, Aedamar Keenan, Manager, Leitrim County Childcare Committee
- 10.10 - 11.10 'Voice & Choice' Mary Moloney Co-Author, School Age Programme Framework
- 11.10 - 11.30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11.30 - 2.00 'Reflecting Children' Tom Ryan, Psychotherapist & Lecturer at UCC
- 2.00 - 3.00 Lunch



**Reflecting Children**



**School Age Childcare Conference**

Organised by Leitrim County Childcare Committee and funded by FÁS through the Social Inclusion Unit

This conference is aimed at Parents, Childcare Providers both home based and facility based working with Primary School age Children 4 - 12 year olds and Primary School Teachers

**The Landmark Hotel  
Carrick on Shannon  
Co Leitrim**

**Saturday 4th December 2010  
9:15 am—2:00 pm**

