

School of Education, Social Work and Community Education

Seminar: Understanding the impact of loss and trauma on children and families and finding ways to support them

Mike O'Connor

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Monday 26 January 2009

(10 - 12.00 and 1.30 – 3.30)

Dalhousie Building (Lecture Theatre)

University of Dundee

Cost: £75

(Buffet lunch provided)

Experiences of loss and trauma impact on children and families in different ways. These differential effects present particular challenges to services trying to meet the needs of the children and adults affected. In his presentation Mike will:

- reflect on his experiences of providing consultation, training and therapy services to children and families in a number of different communities
- describe the immediate and longer term effects of loss and trauma
- discuss the nature of traumatic memories and associated brain mechanisms
- discuss ways of supporting children and families affected by loss and trauma from individual to group/community interventions

Mike is the Director of the Notre Dame Centre, Glasgow, a not for profit organisation and registered charity providing a range of therapeutic and training services. He is a chartered psychologist who has worked in a school for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties, an Adolescent Unit and was the Principal Psychologist for Clackmannanshire Council. He has been involved in developing therapeutic services to children and families affected by loss and trauma including the 'Interventions for Recovery' project (Clackmannanshire Council) and the 'Recovery After Trauma' (Notre Dame Centre). From April 1996 - July 1999 he worked as a member of a multi-disciplinary team set up for the community of Dunblane in the aftermath of the tragic events of March 1996. Mike is an accredited EMDR Consultant and registered trainer for the Seasons for Growth grief education programme.





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