
Conference Programme

Time	Session	Person
10.00am	Registration and refreshments	
10.30am	Welcome and introduction to conference	David Simpson
10.40am	Family Fortunes - key facts on fathers	Colin Fowler
11.00am	Fathers - we've always been here	David Simpson
11.25am	Fathers - what the research says	Shirley Ewart
11.55am	The father experience - two personal stories from a non-resident father and a resident father	Bill Methven and Frank Rafferty
12.15pm	Workshop: The importance of increasing fathers' involvement	Everyone
12.45pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Launch of "Fathers Matter" book	Janet Gaynor
1.40pm	Lessons from a fathers' and children's residential weekend	Colin Fowler
1.50pm	It can be done - examples of local projects which support fathers ... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parentcraft classes which include men• "Raising Boys" programme in primary schools• Work with young fathers• Fathers' support groups	Dympna Gallagher Jimmy Gleeson Mat Crozier Seamus Gordon and Paul Gorman
2.30pm	Workshop: It will be done - what we need to ensure practical action in the future	Everyone
3.20pm	Tea/coffee break	
3.40pm	Speakers' Panel - open floor discussion	Colin Fowler
4.15pm	Close of conference	Colin Fowler