Overview
This valuable conference, organised by ACAMH’s Special Interest Group, will focus on research recently carried out in the area of youth mental health within the Irish and UK contexts.

Bringing together diverse Ireland-based researchers to discuss new work and balancing this with broader perspective pieces from overseas presentations offering advice, tips and insights, the meeting will be of relevance to all interested in and aware of the increasing importance of youth mental health and the influencing role it has on an individual’s future life-cycle in particular, and society in general.

Objective
This day has been specially designed to draw together a multi-disciplinary audience spanning child, adolescent and adult psychiatry and psychology, general practice, social work, health services research, nursing and other disciplines with a view to forging new alliances and collaborations and increase awareness of the work being carried out in this area. The work spans the age range 12-25 years in recognition of the awareness that “youth” is being reconceptualised as extending beyond the teenage years to incorporate the idea of “emerging adulthood”.

Programme: Morning

08.30  Registration and Pre-Conference Refreshments
09.00  Conference Welcome: Dr Paddy Power and Nigel O’Callaghan, ReachOut.com Youth Ambassador

HEADLINE ADDRESSES

09.10  Opening Address: Minister Kathleen Lynch TD, Minister for State for Mental Health (Chair: Dr Paddy Power, St Patrick’s Hospital and SIG Chair)
09.30  Launch of International Declaration of Youth Mental Health: Helen Coughlan, Senior Social Worker and ACAMH SIG Member, and Marie Duffy, Youth Representative, Headstrong (Chair: Professor Pat McGorry, Australia)
10.00  KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Children’s Rights in Ireland - a Human Rights Imperative: Ms Emily Logan, Ombudsman for Children, Ireland (Chair: Nigel O’Callaghan, ReachOut.com Youth Ambassador)
10.45  Morning Coffee

SYMPOSIA ONE: RECOGNISING THE PROBLEMS (Chair: Professor Ciaran Mulholland, Queens University Belfast and University of Ulster, Magee)

11.10  Prevalence of psychiatric disorders among young people in Dublin: a community-based study: Professor Mary Cannon, RCSI and Beaumont Hospital

11.30  The My World Survey - first findings from a national study on youth mental health in 12-25 year olds: Dr Barbara Dooley, School of Psychology UCD/Headstrong

11.50  Screening for suicidality does not increase the risk of suicidal behaviours amongst young Irish people - the SEYLE study: Dr Helen Keeley, National Suicide Research Foundation, Cork and HSE North Cork

12.10  Growing Up in Ireland - mental and behavioural problems among Irish children: results from the National Longitudinal Study of children: Professor Tom O’Dowd, Dept Primary Care, TCD

12.30  Lunch
Programme: Afternoon

13.30 AFTERNOON PLENARY ADDRESS: (Chair: Mary Cannon, RCSI/Beaumont Hospital and SIG Secretary)

The Birmingham “Youthspace.me” Public Youth Mental Health Service Programme: changing the pathways to care - Professor Max Birchwood, University of Birmingham and Youthspace Mental Health Programme

SYMPOSIA TWO: WORKING TOWARDS SOLUTIONS (Chair: Dr Ian Daly, Health Service Executive)

14.20 Learning to Reach Out - young people, mental health literacy and the internet: Derek Chambers, Inspire Ireland Foundation

14.40 Working Things Out - an evidence-based programme to engage young people: Professor Carol Fitzpatrick, UCD and Mater Hospital Dublin

15.00 Transition from CAMHS to adult mental health services in Ireland: An investigation of operational policies for 16 to 18 year olds: Dr Niamh McNamara, School of Medicine and Medical Sciences, UCD

15.20 Headstrong’s Jigsaw Programme of Service Delivery: Preliminary Findings: Bob Illback, Headstrong

15.40 Afternoon Tea

16.00 SYMPOSIA THREE: SUBSTANCE USE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE: EMERGING TRENDS (Chair: Marian Dowling, National Service Users Executive)

16.10 Outcomes for adolescent substance users: Dr Bobby Smyth, Drug Treatment Centre, Dublin and TCD

16.30 Screening and Early Intervention for Mental and Substance Use Disorders in the Community: Professor Walter Cullen, Dept of Primary Care, University of Limerick

16.50 POSTER PRIZE: EADBHARD O’CALLAGHAN ANNUAL YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PRIZE: to be presented by Caolán O’Callaghan (Chair: Niall Turner, DETECT)

17.15 Conference Closing Address: Derek Chambers (ReachOut and Inspire Ireland) and Dr Paddy Power (St Patrick’s Hospital and SIG Chair) - TBC

Closing Reception

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