

## Conference Speakers

**Fergus Finlay**, CEO of Barnardos, will Chair this conference.

**Dr. Nikos Myttas** is a Consultant in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the UK. He is a recognised expert in ADHD and related learning and behavioural difficulties.

**Mary Ball** has worked with the Dyslexia Association of Ireland (DAI) as an Educational Psychologist for over ten years. She is Director of DAI Educational Services.

**Dr. Carmel O'Sullivan** is the Director of Postgraduate Teaching in the School of Education, Trinity College Dublin. She will be presenting with **Dr. David Delaney** (TCD) and **Dr. Lorraine Boran** (WIT).

**Jo Todd** founded Key4Learning over 12 years ago to provide consultancy, mentoring and training for people experiencing neurodiversity, in industry, government, schools, colleges and universities. Last year Key4Learning carried out over 2000 work-based assessments.

**Dr. David J. Carey** is a psychologist with 35 years experience in the US and Ireland. He lectured in Froebel College of Education for ten years and now works in private practice. He has extensive experience of ADHD.

**Ailish Kelly** is an experienced Occupational Therapist, also trained in Developmental Psychiatry, Sensory Integration Therapy and Family Therapy. She works in private practice as an Occupational Therapist & Guardian Ad Litem.

The Conference will also feature an **Exhibitors' Area** where invited organisations will provide information on relevant products and services.

## Spectrum Alliance

c/o DAI, 1 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2.

[www.spectrumalliance.ie](http://www.spectrumalliance.ie)

Tel. 083 3226523

The Spectrum Alliance is composed of four member organisations:

Aspire, Asperger  
Syndrome  
Association  
of Ireland.



[www.aspireireland.ie](http://www.aspireireland.ie)

Tel. 01 878 0027

Dyslexia  
Association  
of Ireland.



[www.dyslexia.ie](http://www.dyslexia.ie)

Tel. 01 679 0276

Dyspraxia  
Association  
of Ireland.



[www.dyspraxia.ie](http://www.dyspraxia.ie)

Tel. 01 874 7085

HADD  
Family  
Support  
Group.



(ADD/ADHD)

[www.hadd.ie](http://www.hadd.ie)

Tel. 01 874 8349



**“Common Themes:  
Strategies for Managing  
Co-occurring Conditions”**

A major conference addressing  
the connections linking:

- **ADD/ADHD.**
- **Asperger Syndrome.**
- **Dyslexia.**
- **Dyspraxia.**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

**Red Cow Hotel,  
Naas Road,  
Dublin 22.**

# Spectrum Alliance Conference 2010

The Spectrum Alliance is an umbrella network of disability groups which was established to raise awareness of related developmental disorders (hidden disabilities) such as Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, ADHD and Asperger Syndrome. These disabilities often co-occur, for example, it is quite common for a person diagnosed with Dyslexia to also have simultaneous symptoms of Dyspraxia. ADHD and Asperger Syndrome also frequently co-occur. There is consistent evidence of linkages among all four conditions.

To promote greater understanding and awareness of the co-occurrence of these disabilities, the Spectrum Alliance is organising a major conference: "Common Themes: Strategies for Managing Co-occurring Conditions". The conference will be of interest to parents, teachers, professionals and adults affected by one or more of the conditions represented.

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- Aspire (Asperger Syndrome Association)
- Dyslexia Association of Ireland
- Dyspraxia Association of Ireland
- HADD Family Support Group (ADD/ADHD)

## Conference Programme

The conference will be chaired by Fergus Finlay, CEO Barnardos. Our conference speakers are all expert in their respective fields and have been widely published.

- 8.30 - 9.30 Registration.
- 9.30 - 10.00 Opening Address by Conference Chairperson, FERGUS FINLAY.
- 10.00 - 11.00 DR. NIKOS MYTTAS  
"Co-morbidities, Co-occurring Conditions & Diagnostic Conundrums".
- 11.00 - 11.15 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.15 - 12.00 MARY BALL  
"A Question of Confidence".
- 12.00 - 12.45 DR. CARMEL O'SULLIVAN  
"Drama in Education and Executive Function Training".
- 12.45 - 14.00 LUNCH BREAK  
A packed lunch is provided.
- 14.00 - 15.00 JO TODD "Embracing Neurodiversity in the Organisation".
- 15.00 - 15.45 DR. DAVID J. CAREY  
"Irish Education: Rights and Responsibilities".
- 15.45 - 16.30 AILISH KELLY  
"The Hands of a Child" & "Occupational Therapy: what is it?".
- 16.30 - 17.00 OPEN FORUM  
Question and Answer Session.
- 17.00 CLOSE

## Booking Form

**Pre-Booking is essential for this conference.**

Please use one booking form per person (feel free to photocopy this form).

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state any special dietary requirements for your packed lunch: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose payment of €\_\_\_\_\_ by bank draft/postal order, made payable to the

Spectrum Alliance,

c/o DAI, 1 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2.

Booking and payment can be made via credit card (Paypal) on the Spectrum Alliance website:

[www.spectrumalliance.ie](http://www.spectrumalliance.ie)

**Early Bird Rate = €60.00** per person for bookings made by September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Full Rate = €70.00** per person for bookings made after September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Reduced rates for individuals on social welfare - please contact 083 3226523 for further info.