



# Childhood Bereavement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: *Spectrums of Support for Bereaved Children and Those Who Care For Them*

A one-day conference hosted by  
**Cruse Bereavement Care (NI)**

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008**  
**9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Armagh City Hotel**

Whether you are a parent trying to help your children navigate their way through the devastation of bereavement, or a professional carer working with children and young people, this conference will open for you a window on the world of childhood bereavement. The day offers an overview of our 21<sup>st</sup> century childhood bereavement landscape, practical resources for supporting both children and carers, and an opportunity to hear first hand the voices of bereaved young people.

The structure of the conference also offers an excellent opportunity to network with a wide range of voluntary and statutory children's and youth support services from across Ireland.

## PROGRAMME

- 09:15 Registration, Refreshments and Exhibits
- 10:00 Cruse Welcome and Introductions
- 10:15 Opening Comments: **Patricia Lewsley**, Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children & Young People
- 10:20 Keynote Address: "Supporting Bereaved Children in our Changing Society": **Barbara Monroe**, Chief Executive of St. Christopher's Hospice and Chair, Child Bereavement Network (CBN) Chair
- 11:20 Break
- 11:30 Seminar Round 1 (Tea/coffee served in seminar rooms)
- 12:45 Lunch & Networking
- 14:00 "Ask the Experts": The voice of bereaved young people
- 14:45 Seminar Round 2 (Refreshments served in rooms)
- 16:00 Closing Plenary: Barbara Monroe
- 16:30 Evaluations and wrap-up
- 17:00 Close of Conference

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## CONFERENCE PAYMENT DETAILS

Cost: £75.00 / €95.00 per delegate

Please indicate **preferred** payment method below. We regret that we are unable to offer a BACS payment facility at this time.

Cheque enclosed\*\*  
\*\* Please make cheques payable to **National Children's Bureau** with the name of the conference and delegate name(s) on the back

Please invoice (Please ensure you have completed the address section on the booking form as to where the invoice should be sent)

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Please inform us of cancellations as soon as possible in writing. Replacement delegates will be accepted. In the event of a cancellation, a full refund will be given for up to one month's notice; a 50% refund will be given for one month to 14 days notice. **No refund will be given for less than 14 days notice** but substitutions may be made at any time.



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**Closing date for completed booking forms and payment is  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008**

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Please book \_\_\_\_\_\* places at the above conference for:

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To ensure delegates have timely information on this event we will be corresponding by email wherever possible. To help us ensure effective communication please print your email address in the space below.

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**Dietary / Access Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibits:** If you would like to host an exhibit, please tick this box.

**Conference Packs:** I am unable to attend the conference, but please send me the available conference papers after the event at £10 per pack. *The delegate pack will be posted after the conference, after payment has been received. Please indicate your method of payment on reverse.*

**Data Protection:** We will use the information you provide to keep you informed of other Cruse events which we think might interest you. Please tick this box if you do **NOT** want us to keep in touch.

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend two seminars on the themes listed below. Please indicate your **1st and 2nd** preference for both morning and afternoon sessions [*i.e. Choose 4 titles*]. If your indicated preferences are full due to Health & Safety restrictions, a seminar will be allocated to you.

Seminar Title	AM	PM
<b>Supporting Looked After Children through Loss:</b> <i>An opportunity to explore the unique bereavement support needs of looked after young people, as outlined in the recent CBN consultation paper.</i>		
<b>Beyond Words—Skills and Tools Workshop:</b> <i>Children grieve as much as adults do, but they often need a different language for expressing their grief—the language of play and art. This seminar presents tools for working with bereaved children.</i>		
<b>Bereavement Support for Children with Disabilities:</b> <i>A fascinating case study on supporting a disabled young person from before the death of a parent through the journey of bereavement.</i>		
<b>The Bereaved Family:</b> <i>Personal and theoretical perspective on the experience of a bereaved family; support needs and resources based on developmental stages and family dynamics.</i>		
<b>Pre-Bereavement and Anticipatory Work:</b> <i>This seminar shows how preparation for loss can contribute to the healing process and memory work following a death.</i>		
<b>Supporting Young People in the Aftermath of Suicide:</b> <i>Reflects on the multifaceted nature of the impact of suicide on a young person, including the role the person played in their life, their own support systems, and intrapersonal factors.</i>		
<b>Dealing with Critical Incidents:</b> <i>No school is exempt from having to deal with critical incidents, which can have a traumatic effect on students and staff alike. This seminar offers good practice guidelines and points the way to a wide range of useful resources.</i>		
<b>Supporting Bereaved Children in our Multi-Cultural Society:</b> <i>Looking at our own definitions of difference, identity and citizenship; developing a sense of belonging for <b>all</b> bereaved children and young people in our community.</i>		
<b>Sibling Loss:</b> <i>Siblings are often the “forgotten” grievers. This seminar discusses the impact of sibling loss &amp; avenues for healing</i>		
<b>Spiritual Aspects of Bereavement Support:</b> <i>*Connecting with children who are burdened with the big questions about life after death. *Exploring resources for being alongside children in their spiritual journey. *Engaging with the concept of comfort. *Looking after ourselves as clergy and pastoral caregivers in the midst of bereavement. Where can we find support?</i>		