

## Collective Biography

Wednesday, 24th February, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 2010.

With Prof Bronwyn Davies, University of Melbourne, Australia.

In the course of this Masterclass, Bronwyn Davies, the originator of Collective Biography, will introduce and explore the method's development and use as a research and reflexive process. The practices of collective biography build a communal space in which to explore individual stories around particular themes. Within collective biography workshops, through developing the skills of listening and attending to the minute bodily detail of moments of being, it becomes possible for each story to become a collective story, its purpose no longer to signal the substance of any particular individual, but to open the participants to new insights into the processes of being and becoming in the world—new ways of being subjects (Davies et al., 2006).

From left: Dr Mary B. Ryan, Ms. Mary Corbally, Dr David McCormack, Prof. Bronwyn Davies, Dr Brid Connolly and Dr Grace O' Grady

