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EDWARD M KENNEDY INSTITUTE OF CONFLICT INTERVENTION SUMMER SESSIONS DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE



LITTLE VOICES IN BIG DECISIONS HEARING THE VOICE OF THE CHILD IN FAMILY MEDIATION

Mediation to manage separation and divorce is reputed to have better outcomes for children than court. However, parents in mediation are often stressed, angry, emotionally charged and / or grieving and are not always able to focus on their children's best interests and needs at that time. Therefore, it is the mediator who must bring these voices into the room and most importantly allow them to be heard and acted upon.

This one-day practice orientated workshop will enable you to:

- Examine the implication of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2016 and the much anticipated Mediation Bill 2017 for Family Mediators
- Develop skills in changing the focus of parents from **their** conflict to **their children's** issues
- Explore different ways to bring the needs and wishes of children into play metaphorically
- Discuss the issues around child consultation in mediation
- Practice skill development using role play

Facilitator Lindara Kiely, Family Mediator, M.A. Mediation and Conflict Intervention

Dates Monday 21st August 2017 from 9.30am to 4.30pm

Price €75.00

Lunch is not provided: Restaurants are available on campus and in Maynooth town

All participants **must be mediators** registered with the Mediators Institute of Ireland or equivalent.

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