

## **Adrienne Mary Byrne**

Adrienne has been passionate and committed to working with children and families through care, welfare and child protection for over 30 years. Since her youth she has volunteered and fundraised for charitable organisations and feels privileged to work within the field of social work, a role she is most committed to.

Adrienne was awarded her undergraduate in social work from University College Cork and later completed a Masters in Social Work Research at University College Dublin. Practising as a social worker since 1996, Adrienne has long been advocating and supporting children and families throughout her career.

As a principal social worker she has championed access for various services required for vulnerable service users such as; housing, mental health services as well as counselling and family therapeutic interventions. In her ongoing work with Tusla Child & Family Agency, Adrienne has collaborated with both voluntary and statutory agencies in order to establish these services.

Adrienne is a long standing member of Forsa and formerly Vice Chair of the National Executive of Health and Welfare Division of her Union. In recent years, she has been volunteering with the homeless and she is currently a member of the Dun Laoghaire Lions Club which supports vulnerable individuals, the elderly, families and charities in the local community.

In 2014, Adrienne was elected to CORU's Social Workers Registration Board and was delighted to remain for a second term. Adrienne is now a member of CORU's Health and Social Care Professionals Council as a member from her designated profession.

## **Julie O' Donnell**

Julie qualified as a social worker in 2000 after completing her studies at the University of Ulster at Magee, Derry. Since this time Julie has worked continuously in Irish statutory child protection services and remains with Tusla, The Child and Family Agency. Julie has worked as a social worker, social work team leader, principal social worker and more recently has been appointed as national general manager for Tusla Barnahus. Through this role Julie is working with partners and stakeholders in Ireland to integrate health, medical, child protection, therapeutic, and policing services for children where there is a concern of child sexual abuse.

Julie has promoted continuous professional development by supporting those she has worked with, to reflect and respond to identified learning and development needs relevant to their role.

Julie is committed to social work education and is an active member of University of Galway Practice Assurance Panel for the Masters in Social Work.

Julie has a Bachelor degree in Social Work, a post graduate certificate in public management and Master's in Leadership and Strategy (IPA 2023)

Julie is eager to contribute to the social work profession by encouraging the highest professional standards.