

Applying a child rights lens to health practice: Building and sustaining capacity among professionals

**Seminar by Gerison Lansdown
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Thursday 08 December 2011, 10.00am – 12.00pm
The Great Hall, Queen's University Belfast

The Committee on the Rights of the Child recommends to every government in its concluding observations, following the examination of States Party reports, the importance of introducing child rights training for professionals working with children. Yet, to date, progress is extremely slow. The reasons are multiple – indifference, crowded curricula, lack of awareness or expertise, lack of recognition of its importance. An international programme, Child Rights Education for Professionals (CRED-PRO), supported by the Committee, has been working for 5 years with professionals in a number of regions to help move the process forward. This lecture will outline the methodology that has been developed to build partnerships and embed child rights into core professional training, and examine some of the opportunities, challenges and lessons learned from that experience.

Gerison Lansdown was the founder director of the Children's Rights Alliance for England, and is now an international children's rights consultant and advocate who has published and lectured widely on the subject of children's rights. She was actively involved in the drafting of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, is an Honorary Fellow of UNICEF-UK, a visiting scholar at Queen's University, Belfast, an associate of the International Institute for Child Rights and Development in Victoria, and co-director of CRED-PRO, an international initiative to develop child rights educational programmes for professionals working with children. Publications include: *The Evolving Capacities of the Child*, UNICEF, 2005; *A Human Rights Based Approach to Education for All*, UNICEF/UNESCO, 2007; and *See Me Hear Me, a Guide to the CRPD for Children with Disabilities*, Save the Children 2009.

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Seminar Programme

10.00am - 10.30am	Arrival and registration Tea/Coffee
10.30am – 10:40am	Welcome Professor Laura Lundy Director of the Research Forum for the Child
10.40am – 11.30am	Applying a child rights lens to health practice: Building and sustaining capacity among professionals Gerison Lansdown, International Children's Rights Consultant and Research Forum for the Child Visiting Scholar
11.30am – 12.00pm	Discussion
12.00pm	Close

Registration: To book your place please email your name and details to Dr Bronagh Byrne, b.byrne@qub.ac.uk

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