

**2 Day Training Programme
For Practitioners in
Non Violent Resistance (NVR)
Thursday 17th & Friday 18th
May 2018.
Information Leaflet**

This 2 day training is aimed at practitioners who encounter child to parent violence & abuse in a variety of services including for example social workers, social care practitioners, psychologists, family workers, psychotherapists and the range of disciplines in family welfare & support settings.



Child to parent violence & abuse is any harmful act by a child through which a child gains power and control over a parent/ carer. The abuse can be physical, psychological or financial.

**Comments from previous participants of the
Training Programme in Non Violent Resistance**

“NVR is very empowering...it breaks the cycle and is relatively simple to carry out”. (Children and Families Social Worker)

“The 2 days were very informative. I enjoyed the training—it was very positive and there was lots of open discussion. (Women’s Refuge Worker).

“Child to parent violence is on the increase...an effective response like NVR is critical as the consequences of child to parent violence can be severe”. (Family Welfare Conference Practitioner).

“This programme gives the practitioner a systemic and practical approach for working with the emotive issue of child to parent violence” (Manager, Children and Families Support Service)

Venue & times of the training:

St Andrew’s Resource Centre, 112-114 Pearse St., Dublin 2, 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Further information and booking on www.iasw.ie



What is Non Violent Resistance?

The Non Violent Resistance (NVR) model includes a brief, systemic and evidence-based response to child to parent violence & abuse. It aims to empower & support parents/ carers in preventing & responding to the violent and controlling behaviour of children and teenagers.

The 2 day training programme in NVR raises practitioner awareness about the nature & extent of child to parent violence/ abuse and increases skills in responding to this problem. Building on the existing knowledge and skills of participants, this training programme helps participants further develop their confidence and skills in working with parents/ carers living with the harsh realities of child to parent violence/ abuse. Practitioners trained in NVR have increased confidence in assisting parents/ carers talk openly about violence in their home, commit to non-violence & resistance, develop de-escalation skills, avail of a support network & develop effective responses to child to parent violence and abuse.

About the trainer: *A social worker and family therapist with practice experience in CAMHS & in child protection work, Dr Declan Coogan is a Lecturer in Social Work & Research Fellow with the UNESCO Child & Family Research Centre at the National University of Ireland, Galway. He was awarded a PhD by NUI Galway in 2016 for his research on child to parent violence and NVR involving practitioners in Ireland. His book entitled **Child to Parent Violence and Abuse – Family Interventions with Non Violent Resistance** was published in 2018 and is available in paperback from www.jkp.com*