

Global Implementation Conference 26 – 28 May 2015

The **Global Implementation Conference** (GIC) is taking place in Dublin between the 26th and 28th May 2015, the first time it has taken place outside of the United States. The Conference will provide a unique opportunity for Europe to host a range of international speakers specialising in the area of implementation, as well as practitioners and policy makers interested in how implementation can enhance services and their work.

The theme and objectives of this international conference are highly relevant to those working in the social and human services sector, by providing the opportunity to learn from best practice about how we can improve the implementation of policy. The reform agenda along with funding cuts present challenges but also opportunities to focus on how we ensure better outcomes for service users. Implementation Science can help to address some of these challenges.

A combination of keynote addresses and breakout sessions will allow participants to explore the **concepts and practice of implementation**, and to consider **implications for policy, services, practice and research**. Topics for discussion include the infrastructure needed for implementation, developing shared measurement systems, communication and knowledge capture in implementation.

The conference is being opened by the Irish Minister for Health Leo Varadkar, who is also committed to greater north south co-operation in the delivery of health services. Some of examples of keynotes and other sessions include implementing government policy; improving outcomes for vulnerable children and families through increasing use of evidence; implementation and quality improvement. All speakers come from a variety of international and national settings, including Canada, Australia, USA, Sweden and the Nordic countries. There will also be valuable networking opportunities outside of the formal conference sessions.

In advance of the conference, organisers have also planned an **Implementation Academy** on Tuesday, 26th May at Trinity College Dublin. The Academy provides the opportunity to learn about implementation at an introductory level or a more advanced level through a series of **Masterclasses**, networking and information sharing opportunities. Inputs from organisations leading in the field will consider the challenges of measuring implementation, developing organisational leadership and making an impact on community change.

The GIC also provides the opportunity to launch the European Implementation Collaborative (EIC) and the new EIC website www.implementation.eu. EIC was originally established as an initiative to promote evidence informed implementation at European level and the website will provide access to a range of resources which support implementation in member countries. Resources will include tools and events, as well as webinars produced by EIC members. The launch event will be streamed online on the evening of 26th May following the Implementation Academy, although the site itself will be live in April 2015.

Full details on the conference programme, keynote speakers and registration are now available on <http://gic.globalimplementation.org/>