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Improving  
Children's  
Lives



## IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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### WHAT WE DO

[Improving Children's Lives](#) is an applied and interdisciplinary research and education initiative driven by a focus on improving outcomes for children and young people by generating and making use of the best available evidence. What makes our work particularly distinctive is our commitment to doing this from within a children's rights framework. [Find out more](#)

### STUDY WITH US

We would like to wish good luck to our initial cohort of full-time students who are currently working on their dissertations and we are looking forward to seeing our part-time students again in the Autumn.

We are still accepting applications for the four ICL Masters programmes for Autumn 2015 entry:

Apply now for our  
full-time and part-time  
Masters programmes

APPLY

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**European Conference on  
Domestic Violence**  
6 – 9 September 2015  
Whitla Hall

This conference, co-convened by Dr John Devaney of the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, will include 270 presentations and has attracted 450 delegates from 25 countries, and will be relevant to a wide range of practitioners, policy makers, researchers and academics from across Europe and further afield.

The conference will allow participants to share the latest research findings and new practice and service developments. It includes an entire stream dedicated to children and young people.

[Find out more](#)



**4th Centre for Behaviour  
Analysis/QUART Conference:**  
*'Multidisciplinary work in Autism:  
How can behaviour analysis help?'*  
6 November 2015  
Whitla Hall

A Call for Papers for this conference and



**MSc in Children's Rights**  
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**MSc in Caring for Children and Young People with Complex Health Needs**  
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**MSc in The Psychology of Childhood Adversity**  
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**MSc in Youth Justice**  
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## RECENT ICL-RELATED EVENTS

Over 100 delegates from throughout the children's sector in Northern Ireland and beyond attended a seminar in The Canada Room and Council Chamber, on the **importance of fathers in children's lives**, on 12 February 2015. [Find out more](#)

Improving Children's Lives and Book Trust hosted an afternoon seminar on Monday 22 June 2015 in The Canada Room. The guest speaker was **award winning author James Dawson**, voted Queen of Teen 2014 by The Book People. [Find out more](#)

On Wednesday 24 June 2015, [Professor Paul Connolly](#) (Head of the School of Education) and [Professor Frank Kee](#) (Centre of Excellence for Public Health, Northern Ireland) hosted a showcase event in The Great Hall at Queen's University Belfast, which **examined the role schools can play in promoting the health and wellbeing of children**. [Find out more](#)

On 16 June 2015, Queen's hosted an event titled **Empowering a Residential Care Community of Practice**. This event, sponsored by the Improving Children's Lives Small Grants Funds, facilitated a network of like-minded academics and practitioners to

details on registration will be released soon.

[Find out more about QUART](#)

## SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Over the last three years Improving Children's Lives has provided a small grant scheme to enhance interdisciplinary working at Queen's University Belfast.

These grants have funded a total of 33 interdisciplinary projects across nine different Schools in the University, including eight projects in the recent 2014-15 application round.

[Find out more](#)

## ICL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

In addition to the six existing Special Interest Groups, a new SIG on [Children's Rights in Research](#) has recently been created.

Events, workshops, meetings and other activities have been continuing across the SIGs during the last few months.

If you are interested in any of the following issues please [contact the appropriate SIG co-ordinator](#).

## FURTHER INFORMATION

[Visit our website](#) for more information on our work, the latest news and events related to children and young people and an extensive [video catalogue](#) from our previous events. This catalogue is a useful resource for those involved in teaching, researching or providing services for children and young people.

If you would like to find out more, please contact ICL Administrator David Piekaar, [d.piekaar@qub.ac.uk](mailto:d.piekaar@qub.ac.uk).

come together for a day to learn about the issues related to residential child care practice.  
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