

MONTHLY UPDATE ON ISSUES RELATING TO MOTHER AND BABY HOMES - OCTOBER 2018



**An Roinn Leanaí
agus Gnóthaí Óige**
Department of Children
and Youth Affairs

Boston Transitional Justice Conference

In November 2018 Boston College will be hosting the *Towards Transitional Justice: Recognition, Truth-telling, and Institutional Abuse in Ireland* conference. This conference will be attended by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Katherine Zappone who has been invited to give the opening address of the conference.

The two day event will host a series of talks by academics, advocates, journalists and survivors speaking on a variety of topics from a transitional justice perspective.

Four members of the Collaborative Forum are being sponsored by DCYA to attend to help inform their work with the Forum.

More information can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.bc.edu/centers/ila/events/TransitionalJustice.html>

Tuam update

The Tuam Inter-Departmental Group (IDG) met at Miesian Plaza late last month to discuss the future of the Tuam site and is working its way through a number of complex legal, technical and operational issues. Minister Zappone has indicated her intention to bring proposals in relation to the Tuam site to Government in the coming weeks.

Collaborative Forum

The minutes of the first meeting of the Collaborative Forum are now available [here](#) on our Department's website. Further updates will be available in the coming weeks.

Useful Contacts

Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and certain related Matters

www.mbhcoi.ie

Confidential Freephone (ROI only): 1800 80-66-88

Confidential Freephone Outside ROI: +353-1-6445088

HSE information line

There is a telephone line available for people seeking details of support available to those affected by these issues. Those seeking such information may telephone the HSE National Information Line;

Low Call Telephone 1850 24 1850

Mother and Baby Home Unit – Department of Children and Youth Affairs

www.dcy.gov.ie

Phone: 01-6473200

Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5pm

Email: motherandbabyhomes@dcya.gov.ie

Address: Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Block 1, Miesian Plaza, 50-58 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin 2. D02 XWI4

Any person seeking adoption information and tracing information may wish to contact the following agencies:

TUSLA (the Child and Family Agency) -

www.tusla.ie

Phone: 01 7718500

Email: info@tusla.ie

Address: Tusla – Child and Family Agency, The Brunel Building, Heuston South Quarter, Saint John's Road West, Dublin 8.

The Adoption Authority of Ireland -

www.aai.gov.ie

Phone: 353 1 2309 300

Address: The Adoption Authority of Ireland
Shelbourne House
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4

Galway County Council

www.galway.ie

Phone: +353 (0)91 509000

Email: customerservices@galwaycoco.ie

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