

## **Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in The Classroom - Free Training for Educators** **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/116037>)**



Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is the most prevalent neurodevelopmental condition in Ireland. Despite this, the Irish Government and arms of the State do not recognise FASD as a disability, nor do they have any standard criteria for diagnosis or framework of support. Despite acknowledging the very significant prevalence of the condition, the Health Service Executive (HSE) refuses to acknowledge the need for specific tailored supports for people living with FASD and their families/caregivers. This is where FASD Ireland entered the stage.

FASD Ireland was established on International FASD Awareness Day, 9 September 2021 with a mission to provide education, awareness and support that will in turn work to reduce the prevalence of the condition into the future.

We work to highlight a greater awareness of FASD in society. The HSE estimates that up to 7.4% of the population are living with FASD and has recently published that 1 in 10 babies are born with a form of FASD in Ireland. As it stands there is no standard diagnostic criteria, no diagnostic pathway, and no State support or recognition for people living with FASD.

FASD Ireland provides education about FASD and advises on how we can all work together to create a society where people with FASD are supported and accommodated as needed. Around 125,000 members of the Irish workforce are living with FASD, whether they know it or not, So, it is vitally important that people with FASD and other non-visible disabilities are supported at work as required.

We are delighted to launch our next offering of free workshops for anyone working in the Education Sector in Ireland or Northern Ireland

### **In this workshop, we will cover:**

- An overview of FASD
- Recognising symptoms of FASD in the classroom
- How to support children and young people living with FASD to maintain education
- Alternative approaches and strategies to help with teaching.
- What it is like to experience education in Ireland living with FASD
- Best practice when challenges arise
- Where to go for additional help
- Question and Answer Session

**Dates:** 16 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December

**Length:** 2 Hours

**Suitable for:** SET's, SNA's, LSA's, SENCo's, Teachers and School Leadership Team working in Ireland or Northern Ireland.

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Cost:** No charge

**Presented by:** Tristan Casson-Rennie - CEO FASD Ireland

**Registration Link:** [www.fasdireland.ie/training](http://www.fasdireland.ie/training) (<http://www.fasdireland.ie/training>)

There is no requirement to have a child or young adult diagnosed with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in your class, school, college or university to be able to attend this workshop. It is often the case that people are living with FASD and are undiagnosed, or have a diagnosis of one of the co-morbid or secondary conditions of FASD.

This workshop is open to anyone working in Education in Ireland or Northern Ireland.

The workshop is not recorded, and a copy of the slides will be provided by email after the workshop concludes.

You will be asked to provide your job title, school location and email address when registering for a place. If this information is not provided, or you do not work in education in Ireland, then regrettably your place will be cancelled.

Please note: If you reserve a space on this workshop, please do ensure you attend as spaces are limited. If you are subsequently unable to attend, please let us know so that another person may take your place.

These workshops are delivered during term time only, and commence at 18:00 hours.

More information on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is available from FASD Ireland –[www.fasdireland.ie](http://www.fasdireland.ie) (<http://www.fasdireland.ie/>)

FASD Hub Ireland and FASD Hub Northern Ireland which is a free and confidential support service providing signposting and advice for Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). There is no requirement to have a firm diagnosis of FASD to access this service.

Monday to Friday - 10am to 4pm by calling:

Ireland: [065 670 3098](tel:0656703098) (tel:[0656703098](tel:0656703098))

Northern Ireland: [02895 682 553](tel:02895682553) (tel:[02895682553](tel:02895682553))

## **Region**

Online / Zoom

[Registration Link \(https://www.fasdireland.ie/training\)](https://www.fasdireland.ie/training)

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