



# The **Sherie de Burgh** Memorial Fund

We are delighted to launch the Sherie de Burgh Memorial Fund this evening. This fund will help to support some of the most vulnerable children and families in the state. The fund will focus on two areas of Sherie's work that she was particularly passionate about:

**Perinatal therapy:** Perinatal therapy provides specialist therapeutic supports for mothers and their babies immediately before and after birth. The therapy works to strengthen lifelong attachments and security between mother and child. This may be particularly beneficial for mothers who have experienced an unplanned or crisis pregnancy, domestic violence or who have practical challenges such as homelessness.

**Financial support for vulnerable families:** Sherie worked with some of the most vulnerable children and families in our society; families experiencing homelessness, direct provision, addiction and abuse. The Sherie de Burgh Memorial Fund will be used to continue her work, helping to support vulnerable children and families when they most need it. The fund may be used for the purchase of school uniforms, fees for education courses or for baby equipment.

We hope that you can become part of Sherie's Memorial Fund. This will be administered by One Family and overseen by our Board of Directors.



# Sherie de Burgh

## Inaugural Commemorative Event

15 February 2020

# “What would Sherie do?”

This is the first annual event to commemorate the work of Sherie de Burgh and her contribution to women’s rights, Irish society and in particular her support for women with unplanned pregnancies and those parenting alone.

Our Chair this evening is former Senator Mary Henry. Mary worked for many years as a medical doctor, she is Trinity College Pro-Chancellor and is the President of One Family. Dr. Catherine Conlon, School of Social Work and Social Policy TCD is co-hosting the event with One Family to pay tribute to the inestimable contribution Sherie made in her work.

## Speakers this evening include:

### Dr. Catherine Conlon

*Catherine is the Assistant Professor of Social Policy, School of Social Work and Social Policy in TCD. She has researched issues affecting women's reproductive lives in Ireland for decades.*

### Senator Ivana Bacik

*Ivana is the Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology in TCD and a long-time supporter of sexual and reproductive rights in Ireland.*

### Tony O’Brien

*Tony worked with Sherie in the IFPA in the 1990s and is former Director General of the HSE.*

### Mara Clarke

*Mara is the founder of the Abortion Support Network, a London-based charity that provides information and financial assistance to Irish women who must travel for their abortion care.*

### Sinéad Gibney

*Sinéad is a former One Family service user and Chair of the organisation.*

### Karen Kiernan

*Karen is CEO of One Family and worked with Sherie for nearly 20 years both in the IFPA and One Family.*



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