

# The International Centre for Therapeutic Care

## Promoting Therapeutic Child Care, Social Pedagogy and Trauma Informed Practice.

The 'International Centre' is a free alliance of like-minded organisations who recognise the importance of the role of residential and foster care, and who are committed to improving the lives of children and young people.

Each member organisation has one place on the Advisory Board which meets annually.

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children and young people

### **Our mission:**

To share knowledge about therapeutic residential and foster care for children and young people, and to support the use of reflective practice and research, in order to improve service quality, and ensure excellent outcomes

### **We aim to achieve this by:**

- Creating forums to share, discuss, and test models of high quality therapeutic residential and foster care.
- Sharing and disseminating University research on residential and foster care, and the needs of looked after children.

### **Our core values; we support and promote:**

- Models of care that are relationship (attachment) based.
- Models of care that promote 'living together as a group or family', where adults, children, and families use the lived experience to create 'a way of living and learning together.'
- Models of care that make conscious use of the culture and ethos of the psycho- social and physical environment.
- Models of care where the culture is influenced by a 'conscious use of self' and shared responsibility.
- Models of care that aim to develop a sense of belonging and promote resilience in children and young people.
- Models of care that provide high expectations for children and young people, and authentic stability of placement.