

Alcohol and Pregnancy: Exploring the Key Issues

Institute of Nursing and Health Research (INHR)

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AGENDA

Friday 2 December 2016

Jordanstown: Loughview Suite

8.15am **REGISTRATION and TEA/COFFEE/WATER**

8.45am **Opening comments and introduction to conference programme**
Professor Marlene Sinclair (Conference Chair), Professor of Midwifery Research, Ulster University

8.55am **Welcome**
Professor Hugh McKenna, Dean of Medical School Development, Ulster University

9.10am **Women in Pregnancy: What to consider around alcohol use**
Professor Suzanne Tough, Professor, Paediatrics & Community Health Sciences,
University of Calgary

9.50am **Co-Morbidity of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders**
Dr Moira Plant, Professor of Alcohol Studies, University of the West of England, Bristol

10.30am **REFRESHMENTS and COMFORT BREAK**

10.55am **Alcohol Consumption During Pregnancy:
Levels of Causation and Streams of Influence**
Vic Robinson, Doctoral Student Ulster University, Doctoral Midwifery Research Society and
Centre for Maternal Fetal and Infant Research

11.20am **Fetal Behaviour: Under the Influence**
Professor Peter Hepper, Psychologist, Queen's University Belfast

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12.00pm **“Oops! It’s too late”**
Dr Samina Dornan, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast

12.15pm **“We’ve all had enough of experts” Michael Gove - Government Minister**
Professor Jim Dornan, Chair, Fetal Medicine Health and Life Sciences, Ulster University and Emeritus Chair, Fetal Medicine, Queen’s University Belfast

12.30pm **Question and Answer Session with ‘the experts’**

1.00pm **LUNCH**

1.55pm **Alcohol, Pregnancy and Parenting: Conflict of Interest?**
Faye Macrory MBE, Freelance Consultant

2.30pm **Debate & Discussion – Audience**
Chaired by Tara Mills, BBC Presenter and Journalist
including 2 minute presentations by panel members for and against the motion
MOTION: “Drinking alcohol during pregnancy ought to be a criminal act”
Electronic vote following debate – Audience

3.30pm **REFRESHMENTS and COMFORT BREAK**

3.50pm **Result of audience vote following discussion and debate**
Closing Comments and Exhort to Action
Professor Marlene Sinclair (Chair) and Vic Robinson – Conference organisers