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Overview

ABC - National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre was launched by the Tánaiste and the Minister for Education & Skills in 2014 to continue the legacy of the Anti-Bullying Centre previously founded by Prof. Mona O'Moore in 1996.

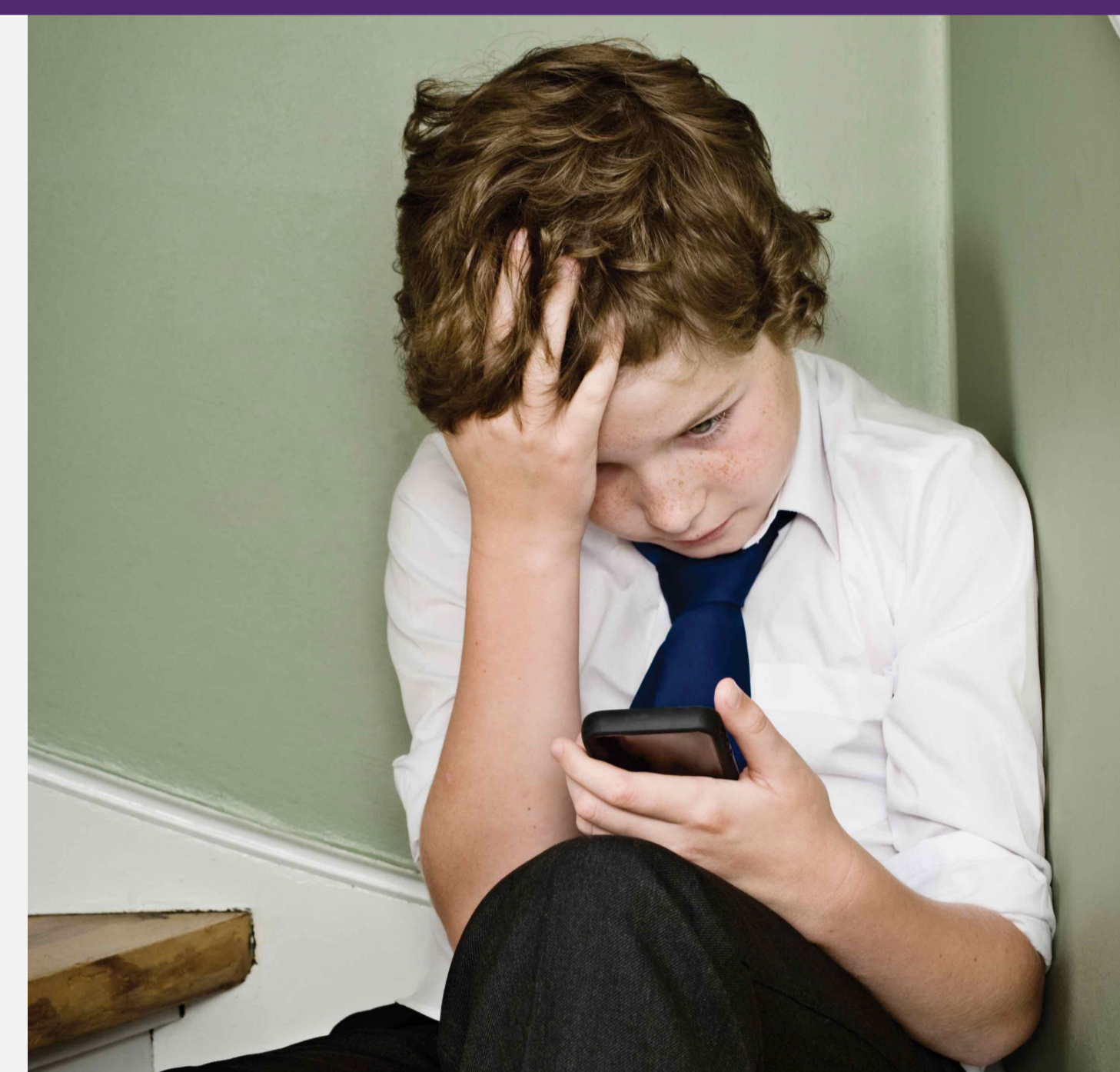
The aims of ABC are:

- To conduct research into the multi-level and multi-factorial nature of bullying behaviour (including cyberbullying).
- The creation of greater awareness and understanding of bullying behaviour.
- The promotion of resources and training programmes by which bullying behaviour may be prevented or reduced.
- To support the implementation of the National Action Plan on Bullying (2013).

Researchers at ABC were the first in Ireland to undertake research on school bullying, workplace bullying, homophobic bullying and cyberbullying. ABC leads the field of research, resource development and training in bullying in Ireland and is an internationally recognised centre of excellence in bullying research.

The Centre's activities are funded under the National Action Plan on Bullying (2013), the EU's Erasmus+ Framework Program for Education, Training, Youth and Sport, the Irish Research Council, and DCU Research and Innovation Support.

ABC is committed to the development of research-based resources and training aimed at improving the qualities of people's lives, education and workplaces. We are strategic partners with the Norwegian Centre for Learning Environment and Behavioural Research in Education.



Research Areas

- Online Misogyny and Bullying
- The Arts as an agent for Bullying Prevention
- Hate Speech and Social Media
- Red Haired Racism in Schools
- Investigating Bullying in Children with Special Education Needs
- Evaluating Implementation of National Action Plan on Bullying in DEIS Schools
- SonetBull – Crowd Sourcing Resources for Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- ParentNets - Training parents for detecting and preventing risks on Social Networks and Internet
- Taking the Temperature: Developing and Piloting an LGBTQ Climate Survey Tool for Post-Primary Schools in Ireland

Why work with us?

Peer and adult bullying is a worldwide problem and imposes mental and physical ill health. It also undermines and dilutes the quality of education. Increasingly bullying has been seen to be a key issue of concern for the WHO, the OECD, the EU and the Government. The Anti-Bullying Centre's mission, therefore, is to be a significant international research and resource centre from which stakeholders can draw benefit to better identify, prevent and deal with bullying in schools, workplaces and in the wider society.

Anyone who seeks to address bullying will benefit from accessing our knowledge and services as they are underpinned by a legacy of 20 years of research in this field as well as the fact that we are a leading partner in an international community of researchers who work on bullying in schools, online and in the workplace.

Centre Members

Dr James O'Higgins Norman is the Director of the National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre. James' research is rooted in a sociological view of education and is concerned with the relationship between wellbeing, equality and human rights.

Professor Mona O'Moore is Adjunct Professor in the Institute of Education at Dublin City University and a Fellow Emeritus of Trinity College Dublin. She is also the Founding Director of the the Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre.

Dr Debbie Ging is a lecturer and researcher in the School of Communications in Dublin City University. Her work focuses on representations of gender and ethnicity in the media, and on reception studies / media audiences.

Dr. Majella McSharry is a lecturer in Sociology at the Institute of Education. Her research on bullying will engage with secondary school students in Ireland and Spain to explore how young people construct perceptions based on hair colour and to understand how red haired children experience their hair colour.

Dr. Geraldine Scanlon is a lecturer in psychology and researcher in the Institute of Education. Her research on bullying aims to develop an appropriate construction of the concept of bullying as it applies or is different among young people with Special Educational Needs.

Irene White MA is a lecturer in arts education in the Institute of Education. Her research in ABC aims to investigate potential relationships between participation in the creative arts and the development of anti-bullying behaviour.

Dr. Eugenia Sapiera is a lecturer and researcher in the School of Communications in Dublin City University where she is interested in Social Media, Journalism, Political Theory, Multiculturalism, Cultural Diversity and Media. Her work with the Anti-Bullying Centre focuses on ways in which social media platforms regulate (or not) problematic forms of speech and expression, and to identify the possible outcomes and implications of this.

Lian McGuire MEd (Aggression Studies) is a researcher in the Anti-Bullying Centre who has worked on bullying research for 20 years. She is currently working on two EU funded projects SonetBull and ParentNets. These projects are focused on developing solutions for bullying in online and offline environments.