

# FAMILY MEDIATION

## WHAT ISSUES CAN BE MEDIATED?

- GUARDIANSHIP

- ACCESS (PARENTING)

- CUSTODY

- CHILD MAINTENANCE

### HOW SOON CAN I GET AN APPOINTMENT?

We aim to provide an appointment for you within 10 days, and no later than 3 weeks.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

If you are eligible you will pay an hourly rate of €10 – if you cannot afford €10 you can make a financial hardship application.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Both participants must be earning less than €22,000 gross per year, and each have less than €5,000 in savings; or if one person is eligible the other person can ask for an exemption.

### WHO IS PROVIDING MEDIATION?

Mediators at Donegal Parent and Family Support Service and volunteer Mediators from the Irish Professional Mediators' Organisation CLG, 'IPMO'.

To find out more contact Sally Mooney at;  
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### WHERE CAN I GET MEDIATION?

In-person or On-Line:  
Donegal Parent and Family Support Service  
Drumboe Avenue  
Stranorlar  
Co. Donegal  
Tel: 0749131245

### WHAT IS MEDIATION?

It is a confidential and voluntary process where you both, with the assistance of the mediators, try and reach an agreement to resolve the dispute. The mediators will draft an agreement which sets out what you both have agreed.

### MY CASE IS IN THE DISTRICT COURT, CAN I STILL MEDIATE?

Yes, if your case is on the Court list for hearing, then you can still go to mediation if you both agree. We can contact the other parent for you, if you wish us to do so, and find out if they are willing to try mediation. If you both agree to attend mediation you or your solicitor can ask the judge to adjourn your case to give mediation a chance.

### THE FAMILY MEDIATION PROJECT

The Family Mediation project is a not-for-profit means-tested research initiative, by South East Technological University 'SETU', based on a family mediation model developed by Dr Róisín O'Shea. The project led by Dr Sinéad Conneely, a senior law lecturer at SETU, and Dr Róisín O'Shea, is test-running a new family mediation process, based on developments in family mediation internationally, and is gathering anonymised data to prove that the new process works.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN BEING PART OF A RESEARCH PROJECT?

By taking part in this project you agree to allow information to be gathered by the researchers, which will then be published to help develop reform in family mediation. Neither you nor any family member will be identified in any way.