



Suicide in Ireland Survey

Professor Kevin Malone, Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health Research in St Vincent's University Hospital/UCD, Scientific Director of 3Ts and his team of researchers are embarking on a research project that aims to get beyond the statistics and study the lives lost to suicide in Ireland, through stories and images.

This research is collaborative in nature and is the first of it's kind internationally. It consists of a "psycho-biographical autopsy" led by Professor Malone and a "creative arts autopsy" led by Ad Astra Scholar in Suicide Studies at SVUH/UCD, Visual Artist Seamus Mc Guinness. Its aim is to generate a meaningful picture of each individual's life that has been lost to suicide by speaking to family and friends who have been bereaved by suicide. While this research is serious in its nature, the interviews aim to be informal-we want your personal story and that of your lost loved one in your words. Donating this unique story could make a difference and save a life to suicide in the future.

Prof. Malone's 3T's research team are interested in hearing from any family member and/or close friend of someone who has died by suicide in the past 3 years (2003-2007), and who are willing to take part in this study. This involves speaking to a researcher face-to-face either at your home or at St. Vincent's Hospital. The Project is approved by St. Vincent's University Hospital Ethics Committee and all communications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Ideally we would like to interview two or more immediate relatives i.e. spouse, parent, siblings or/and very close friends.

Please let us know if you are interested in taking part in the survey by filling out the form below:

If you want further information specifically about how and when the Survey will take place, please contact Suzanne OConnor, Project Co-ordinator, Dept. Of Psychiatry & Mental Health Research, St Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4:

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I **am / am not** interested in taking part in the Suicide in Ireland Survey. Please contact me at:

Name:.....Address:.....

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Telephone (home and mobile):..... Email:.....

Year of Bereavement.....Age and name of deceased.....

Relationship to deceased.....

Please return completed form to:

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