



## Venue:

Drumalis Retreat & Conference Centre

47 Glenarm Road, Larne, BT40 1DT

## Course Facilitators:

**Laurie Randall** works as a mediator, trainer, facilitator and pastoral supervisor. She holds a Peace and Conflict Studies M.A. from Ulster University. She first trained as a mediator in 1995 and was initially involved in peacebuilding mediation on issues such as parades and policing; more recently she has been involved in addressing organisational conflict, including within churches.



**Sean O'Baoill** is a Mediator and Conflict Resolution Trainer from Newcastle with over 30 years of experience in designing and delivering training and facilitation in good relations, principled negotiation, peace building, group work and mediation. He is passionate about non-directive work with groups to define their own solutions to issues of violence, injustice and division.



# FACILITATION SKILLS TRAINING Theory & Practice



Six days

from May to October 2022



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Would you like to increase your understanding, skill and confidence in group facilitation?

This course gives you an opportunity to explore the theory and practice of facilitation – with space to consider how the learning can be applied in a faith context.

On successful completion of the course you will gain an Open College Network qualification at level three.

Bring your curiosity, your care, your creativity and your courage.



*Facilitation Training in the Nondirective Approach – creating spaces where people can think and partner creatively together.*

The training course will draw on the experience of the group as part of the learning process. Sean and Laurie have been working with all sorts of groups for a combination of sixty years and once the course participants are gathered, we will collectively have many more years of experience in the room.

We will cover the underlying theorists, so if you love ideas, there will be many available.

And we will give opportunities for skills to be practised in the group, so if you are more ‘hands on’ there will be something there for you too.

## The course will cover the following topics:

- \* Understanding groups and the role of the facilitator
- \* Conflict Dynamics and Problem-Solving in facilitation
- \* Using your own experiences and values
- \* An opportunity to develop nondirective facilitation skills

Dates & Topics	
Sunday 8th May 10am ~ 5pm	Beginnings – The Nondirective Approach
Saturday 4th June 10am ~ 5pm	Values, Ethics, Philosophy and Power
Saturday 25th June 10am ~ 5pm	Use of the Self, Body, Brain; and Here and Now
Saturday 3rd September 10am ~ 5pm	Group Dynamics, Problem Solving and Conflict
Saturday 24th September 10am ~ 5pm	Reflective Practice and using creative approaches
Saturday 15th October 10am ~ 5pm	Facilitating Endings and Boundaries

## For further information:

Please contact Drumalis during office hours on 02828-272196 or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk).

## Course Fees

Course fees are £285 per person.

This is inclusive of tuition fees, registration with the Open College Network, lunch and refreshments during the training days.

We are grateful to the Friends of Drumalis for their generous subsidy of this course.

*“The Church today is undergoing a process of conversion that begins from below, as an expression of the active participation of the people of God in the journey of personal and community conversion.”*

Pope Francis