

WELCOME TO THE

VIVA  
LA VIDA!

PRO-LIFE YOUTH CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME OF  
EVENTS

20-22 NOVEMBER 2009



# THE SPEAKERS



## GIANNA JESSEN

Gianna Jessen's story is truly remarkable - she survived an abortion. Her courage and dignity have proven inspirational on previous YD college tours and it is our pleasure to welcome her back to Ireland to a new generation of pro-life activists.

Surviving a saline abortion at seven months gestation left Gianna with cerebral palsy, but she lives her life to the full and recently ran a marathon.

She has spoken before the US Congress and the British House of Commons. Gianna's powerful testimony puts a human face to the abortion debate, and reminds us that in every abortion a human being's life is ended.



## LILA ROSE

When Lila Rose was 15, she founded Live Action films as a means to reach her peers with the pro-life message. She wanted to expose the hypocrisies and lies of the pro-abortion movement, and has been incredibly successful at doing so. Lila has attracted international media coverage with her undercover investigations which exposed racism and statutory rape cover-ups at Planned Parenthood.

Her most recent venture, "The Mona Lisa Project", has prompted officials in several states to take action against Planned Parenthood - the world's largest abortion providers, who are undergoing investigations and seeing cuts in funding as a result.



## DR TONY LEVATINO

Dr. Anthony Levatino has practiced obstetrics and gynaecology since 1980. He became infamous in the Albany area when he was one of the only abortionists providing late-term abortions.

Dr. Levatino eventually quit the abortion industry after a life-altering event caused him to realise that every life is precious gift. He is now a well-known pro-life advocate, and gives a remarkable insight into the callous mindset of the abortion industry.



## BERNADETTE SMYTH

Bernadette is the founder of Precious Life in the North of Ireland. She has brought fresh energy and

new ideas to pro-life campaigning. Bernadette was instrumental in the establishment of the All Party Pro-Life Committee in Stormont which voted unanimously not to allow the legislation of abortion in the North of Ireland.



## JOHN PRIDMORE

John Pridmore spent much of his life involved in organised crime, and was in and out of prisons since

he was 15. At a pivotal time in his life, John realised something was missing, and resolved to turn his life around. His dramatic conversion has inspired countless young people to change their lives. He now dedicates his time speaking to young people, encouraging them to embrace a culture of Life.



## BRYAN KEMPER

Bryan is the founder of Stand True Ministries, and he utilises music and a variety of internet-based

resources to reach young people with the pro-life message. His success and charisma have motivated young people to actively take up the pro-life cause in the U.S and beyond.



## LUCY MC CULLY

Lucy works as Education Officer for SPUC Scotland. Lucy delivers the Education4Life programme in

schools all over Scotland. She also develops SPUC's youth work, most notably the International Youth Pro-Life Conference which was held in Edinburgh this year.

...AND MANY MORE!

BE INSPIRED...



# THE SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY

### EVENING SESSION

- 7PM Registration  
8PM Welcome Address  
8.15PM **Bryan Kemper**  
Social Justice Begins in the Womb  
9.30PM Caulfield's Pub  
Traditional Music Session & Supper



**BE INFORMED...**

## SATURDAY

### MORNING SESSION

- 9AM Breakfast  
10AM **Lila Rose**  
New Life Media  
11AM Tea Break  
11.15AM **Niamh Uí Bhriain & Bernie Smyth**  
Keeping Ireland Abortion-Free  
12.15PM **Dr. Seán O Domhnaill**  
Stem Cell Ethics  
1PM Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 2PM **LUCY Mc CULLY**  
Education4Life  
2.30PM **How can I make a difference?**  
4PM Tea break  
4.30PM **Gianna Jessen**  
Keynote Speaker  
6.10PM Dinner  
9PM Evening Entertainment

## SUNDAY

### MORNING SESSION

- 9AM Mass in St.Mary's  
Maynooth Village  
10AM Breakfast  
10.30AM **John Pridmore**  
Faith in Action  
11.15PM **Dr. Tony Levatino**  
An Insider's Story  
12PM Tea Break  
12.15PM **Eoghan De Faoite**  
Closing Address  
Q&A Time  
1PM Lunch  
**Pro-Life Action Hour**  
3.30PM Remembering  
'Baby C'  
GPO, Dublin City Centre



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## ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

**YOUTH DEFENCE** is Ireland's only national pro-life organisation that is led and run by young people. We believe life is a right not a privilege.

Whether we're students, nurses, brickies or teachers, we've one thing in common; we know that abortion is wrong. That's why we work to protect mothers and babies from being exploited and killed by the abortion industry.

We are Ireland's most active pro-life group, and our campaigns reach people on many levels; on the streets, on college campuses, on the web, in schools and outside abortion referral agencies. We aim to provide real information to people on abortion, and to find new ways of getting that information to the public.

Since our inception in 1992, Youth Defence volunteers have been out on the streets every week, bringing the pro-life message directly to the public. This kind of direct and continuous action has kept pro-life issues in the public arena, and has maintained a pro-life majority in Ireland.

Most of all, we believe that Ireland should be kept abortion-free. One person can make a difference, and that person can be you.



## MAP OF MAYNOOTH VILLAGE



## BUSES & TRAINS

\*Maynooth is served by two bus routes - the 66 and the 67a. These buses depart from Pearse St. in Dublin city centre and run a frequent service to Maynooth which costs €2.10 each way. There are also 66x and 67x express services to and from Maynooth which run a several times a day.

\*Maynooth lies on the Western Suburban railway line which serves three city centre stations - Pearse Station, Tara St. and Connolly Station as well as nine other suburban stations - Drumcondra, Broombridge, Ashtown, Phoenix Park, Castleknock, Coolmine, Clonsilla, Leixlip Convey and Leixlip Louisa Bridge. Trains to and from Longford and Sligo also stop at Maynooth.

## Please Note:

\*The Aula Maxima closes at 10PM each night. Please try to be quiet after this time out of courtesy for other guests. St. Patrick's College is a Seminary so please be respectful of this.

\*Delegates under 18 years of age are required to check in with their Guardians each morning/evening.

\*Smoking is strictly forbidden in the buildings at St. Patrick's. Please use designated smoking areas.

\*Alcohol consumption is strictly forbidden on campus and at all times for delegates under 18.

## AND BE TOGETHER AGAINST ABORTION



# CANDELIGHT COMMEMORATION FOR 'BABY C'

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND,  
GPO, 3.30PM**

**BUSES LEAVE FROM ST. PATRICK'S @ 2.45 PM**

## **REMEMBER 'BABY C'**

**T**his year, a rape victim who had been brought to England by the HSE to have an abortion spoke out on RTÉ. She revealed that she had never wanted the abortion; that social workers had arranged it without her full knowledge or consent, and that 12 years later, she still grieves for her aborted child. Just 13 when she became pregnant following a brutal assault, she was taken for the abortion against her parents' wishes. The HSE social workers who brought her to England, had sworn in court that the young girl had said she would kill herself if she was denied an abortion. It's now clear that the HSE lied, and that this girl and her baby were being abused to further the agenda of abortion supporters.

On November 22nd, we remember her baby, who she has now named Shannon, and stand in solidarity with this young woman, known as Miss C, whose courage has revealed the appalling behaviour of abortion campaigners. We call for a public inquiry into the behaviour and agenda of the HSE who continue to bring young girls in care for abortions. We hope that you will join us on Sunday to remember Baby C and all victims of abortion.