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Psychological Society of Ireland to honour Vicky Phelan and Catherine Corless with Presidential Citations at Psychology Conference

Vicky Phelan and Catherine Corless will be the recipients of Presidential Citations at this week's Annual Conference of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI). The Conference, which will be officially opened by Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People, Mr Jim Daly, T.D., on Wednesday at 6.30pm, takes place at the Newpark Hotel in Kilkenny until Friday 08 November.

This year's PSI Annual Conference celebrates 49 years of the Society and sees PSI President Ian O'Grady award his Presidential Citations to CervicalCheck campaigner and author Vicky Phelan, and Galway historian Catherine Corless. With Phelan coming to prominence for the integral part she played in exposing the CervicalCheck scandal and Corless exposing the Tuam Babies scandal, both women are being granted the Citations in recognition and deep appreciation for their significant contribution to society.

The Presidential Citations will be awarded at the Society's Gala Dinner on Friday. PSI President Ian O'Grady said: "I am honoured to grant my Presidential Citations to two outstanding members of Irish society. The strength of Vicky Phelan's resolve in the face of unimaginable difficulty is an inspiration to many, and she is a truly remarkable individual. I have enormous respect and appreciation for Catherine Corless for the effort she continues to make in keeping the Tuam Babies issue at the forefront of people's minds."

Vicky Phelan will also deliver a keynote presentation on Friday when she presents *My personal experience of multiple traumas and the psychological impact on me and my family* to PSI Conference delegates.

Professor Paul Salkovskis of the University of Oxford is also a keynote speaker and will consider the likely future of psychological therapies in his address *Quo Vadis? The future of effective Psychological Therapy*.

The PSI Conference will explore various areas of psychology with presentations covering youth mental health, suicide, female entrepreneurship, second level school refusal and gender identity skills training. A free public talk, *Understanding Suicide and Self-Harm*, from Professor Siobhan O'Neill of University Ulster takes place on Wednesday evening. See www.psychologicalsociety.ie for more information.

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Notes to Editor:

- The Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI), with circa 3,000 members, is the learned and professional body for Psychology in the Republic of Ireland;
- Further information on the PSI Annual Conference is available [here](#).