
Cultural diversity grief and loss

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DEFINITIONS

Nationality: Status of belonging to a particular nation state or country through birth or naturalisation

Culture: Learned & Shared values : traditions customs norms, history and institutions of a group of people unified by race, language, nationality.

Cultural Diversity: Different cultures/peoples that live side by side in the country

Cultural Diversity in Ireland : what does it mean and look like?

- Multicultural
- Multi Lingual
- Multi Faith
- Racial and Ethnic Disparity in health care, business & economy; education, work places, security, sport, across all sectors
- Much variation within faith groups & cultures as there are between two different faith / culture groups.
- The New Irish / New Ireland
- Consumerism : Secularisation : Disconnection: Liberal Society
- Less dependent on traditional faith institutions
- Interest in spirituality and other popular holistic practises such as Yoga, Mindfulness Eastern spiritual traditions

A persons culture affects: -

Traditions

Laws

Gender &
Modesty

Dress

Diet

Authority

Religion

Pain

Architecture

Beliefs

Language

Perception of
health & illness

Family



Inter Culturalism [1]

- Inter culturalism refers to the willingness and capacity of an **organisation** i.e. LauraLynn to ensure that cultural differences are promoted, acknowledged, respected and facilitated.
- Our duty here is to have an awareness of our own culture; an understanding, knowledge of people from cultures different from our own.

Inter Culturalism [2]

- Taking our lead from families irrespective of their differences / how they want their child to be cared for.
- Awareness that some children / families may not belong to mainstream faiths or cultures but still have needs around these
- People of different cultures have different beliefs; ways of communicating; behaving; responding & interacting with health care.

Inter Culturalism [3]

- Have an appreciation that culture and spiritual beliefs impact on a child's health, help seeking behaviour and interactions of the family with health care staff and practises.
- To offer holistic optimal care to the child and family; to facilitate culture in all planning processes and procedures.
- The Child is paramount

STATS...

4.92 million people in Ireland - April 2019

- 622,700 foreign
- 200 hundred nations represented
- Polish 122,515
- UK 103,113
- Lithuanian 36,552
- Romanian 29,186
- African 22,150
- Latvian 19,933
- Brazillian 13,640
- Spanish 12,112
- Indian 11,465

Info: CSO office

STATS...

4.92 million people in Ireland - April 2019

- Roman Catholics 3million,729
- Church of Ireland 126,414
- Muslim 63,443
- Eastern Orthodox 62,187
primarily Romanian
- Irish Travellers 30,987
- Presbyterians 24,211
- Evangelical / Pentecostal Apostolic 23,350
- Hindus 14,332
- Buddhists 9,758
- Jewish 2,557
- People who claim no religious affiliation 481,388

Children's Deaths in Ireland

187 Children's deaths in Ireland in 2018

139 were neonates

127 were aged between 1 -4

54 were aged between 5-14

157 were aged between 15 -24

Info CSO

Faith/Nationality backgrounds of deceased children in L.L. since 2011

- 1% Filipino Catholics
- 5% Irish Travelling Community: Catholics
- 5% Muslim
- 3% Eastern Orthodox : Romanian /Coptic
- 4% Humanist
- 3% Evangelical Christians [African Church's]
- 8% Polish Catholics
- 71% Irish Roman Catholics