



## **Adapting our Services during a Global Pandemic**

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### **Summary**

This webinar will present the challenges that the Anne Sullivan Foundation in Dublin, Ireland has faced and will continue to face throughout the Covid-19 epidemic. We have taken this time to participate in on-line training to upskill ourselves in best practices and then shared the information/resources with parents and adult service providers. In addition, a training course on Deafblindness that we have been working on for the past year was completed and we have begun implementing the course with staff at the Anne Sullivan Centre.

The webinar will share how the residential service staff communicated news updates and new daily protective routines to the residents. The creative solutions we have come up with to try and remedy some of the challenges will also be shared. We will discuss some of the new activities that the residents have taken up since lockdown.

We will also discuss how the Outreach Service is running remotely. We will discuss how we can continue to support a variety of people through Zoom calls, phone and email and how we can promote best practice in the field of deafblindness. We will also discuss how we can promote successful transitions for young adults moving from school into our day services during this uncertain time.