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A conference to celebrate 100 years of the Midwives Act in Ireland 1918 – 2018 will take place next Monday October 1st 2018 in the Pillar Room, Rotunda Hospital, Parnell Square Dublin 1 from 9:00am – 5:00pm

In July 1918 the Midwives (Ireland) Act was passed. Trained midwives could now register and practice under the rules of their regulating body, the Central Midwives Board of Ireland. The Board sat in the Customs House, Dublin on 1st October 1918.

Historians and midwives, from Ireland and abroad, have come together to arrange this very interesting programme of talks covering the historical and contemporary perspectives in midwifery that will appeal to midwives and medical professionals as well as historians and the general public who would like to join in the 100 year celebration and a day of stimulating talks and discussions.

Presentations at this unique event will consider the way in which childbirth began to change in the 1740's, exploring popular midwifery prejudices and practices in pre-Famine Ireland and the plight of pauper mothers and infants from 1840's.

Contemporary presentations will illustrate how motherhood is supported in the 21st century and Womens's views and experience of having their mental health needs considered in the perinatal period

Register through Eventbrite please follow the link below:

<https://rotunda.ie/midwives100/>

For further information please contact midwives100@gmail.com