

WHO IS BRIAN LENNON?



Psychologist from Ireland.
Specialization: Choice Theory.

Special interests:
Guidance Counselling, Education,
Psychology, Dystraxia.

Keen to promote the **Glasser Quality School** model, an approach that, as he says: “offers educators an alternative way to operate based on the Glasserian concept that it is impossible to control another human being (including students)”.

Currently **exploring the causes and effects of a lack of "abstraction"** (defined as the ability to stand outside of immediate experience) in young people. This developmental disadvantage he has named as "**dystraxia**".

Guidance councillor: “I am a firm believer in the vital importance of the ex-quota Guidance Counselling service in schools, a service that offers accessible counselling, group and individual guidance to young people all backed by a professional organisation and supervision”.

Author of many publications connected with Choice Theory and Guidance Counselling. His book **Cool Anger Management (CAM)** - A series of activities to help teenagers deal with strong emotions was translated to Croatian and published in book form in 2009 (ISBN 978-953-55899-0-7).

William Glasser International (WGI)

Chairperson of International Board (WGI) from July 2010, appointed by Dr. Glasser to head the International Board and accepted this task for its first two years. Extended his chairmanship due to request by the International Board.

In January 2013 the organisation renamed itself as "William Glasser International" under the presidency of Dr. William Glasser.

Brian Lennon coordinated the sensible and complicated process of setting up a world-wide organization for developing and promoting the application of Choice Theory Psychology. He is currently continuing for a further year with **John Cooper of Alice Springs, Australia**, the first fully elected chairperson of WGI.

<http://www.wglasserinternational.org/index.php/wgi/current-board>

Senior Faculty from July 1989.

Connections with Croatian teachers/schools:

As the William Glasser Institute member, Brian Lennon participated in **Croatian Association for Reality Therapy Convention „WAR&RT“ in 1999.**

After receiving an invitation to participate at the **1st Croatian Quality School Meeting in 2000**, he responded with this **Message for the Conference:**

It was Ireland's privilege to be among the first countries in recent times to acknowledge the right of the people of Croatia to their own nationhood. In a sense it is the recognition of this, of everyone's right to control their own destiny, that is at the heart of William Glasser's Choice Theory. The failure to recognize this provokes great problems in nations, in families, in schools and in relationships. Glasser's message is one of profound and sympathetic understanding of the human condition accompanied by a whole series of eminently practical ways of respecting the human dignity of everyone. Many of you have used these ideas to help others cope with that most horrific of human tragedies, war. Now in better days I hope that this conference enriches your lives and the lives of all those you work and live with. How I wish I could be there. I know I will be missing a quality conference in one of the most beautiful countries in the world. I send you my very best wishes from our own little island but I must be honest. The biggest wish I have is "I wish I were there with you".

A few days ago I got a copy of Glasser's new book "Every Student Can Succeed". Your conference participants will probably want to know about it. It is an excellent addition to Quality School literature.

Brian Lennon,

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In 2009, he was the invited speaker of the **5th Croatian Quality School Meeting** organized by "**Juraj Dobrila Gymnasium And Vocational School**" in Pazin, **the first High Glasser Quality School in Europe:**

PAZIN KVAŠ '09, SCHOOL AS A JOYFUL PLACE



Brian Lennon with the members of the Quality School Team Croatia