

Wednesday 14th November

3.00pm	Pre Conference Executive Meeting
4.00 – 8.00pm	Registration of Delegates
8.30 -9.30pm	Betty McLaughlin – Well Being for Leaders
9.30 -	Social Evening/Finger Food

Thursday 15th November

9.00-10.00 am	Registration of Delegates and visit Exhibitors Tea/Coffee in Exhibition area
9.45- 10.00am	Introduction/Opening remarks
10.00-10.30am	Anthony Kilcoyne Dep Director PDST- Digital Framework
10.30-11.00am	Paddy Lavelle CE of DDLETB – Leadership in Education
11.00-11.30am	Health Break/Visit Exhibitors
11.30- 12.00 noon	Prof Laura Lundy - Queens University Belfast - Children's Rights
12.00- 12.45	Panel Discussion with Conference Speakers - Chair Mary Nihill
12.45-1.00pm	Visit Exhibitors
1.00- 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00-2.20pm	PDA President's Address: Stephen Goulding
2.20- 3.20pm	TUI Forum and Discussion with Seamus Lahart TUI President and John MacGabhann TUI General Secretary

3.50 – 5.30pm	Workshop Sessions
3.20- 3.50pm	Health Break/Visit Exhibitors Workshops Session 1
3.50- 4.40pm	Ger Power - The Inspectorate's Oversight Role in Relation to Child Protection
4.45-5.30pm	Workshops Session 2 D Mooney Education Officer NCCA- Current Developments in Technology Education
5.30- 6.00pm	Tom Hughes – Session for new members
7.30pm	Pre Dinner Reception
8.00pm	Conference Banquet – After Dinner Speaker

Friday 16th November

9.00- 9.30pm	Visit Exhibitors
9.30-10.00pm	Conference Business - Reports and Elections, and Motions
10.00-11.00pm	Dr David Frost - Enhancing Professionality through Teacher Leadership
11.00-11.30pm	Health Break / Visit Exhibitors
11.30-12.30pm	Dr Paula Flynn DCU - Learner Voice
12.30-1.00pm	Close of Conference
1.00-2.00pm	Lunch

Conference Speakers for PDA Conference 2018

Sustaining Learning Momentum

Betty McLoughlin

Betty is a native of County Limerick, Guidance Counsellor, Author and publisher of many articles on Personal , Educational and Vocational Guidance Counselling, Mental Health and Wellbeing , Parent, and Educationalist. Regular contributor to National and Local TV and Radio on topical educational and vocational issues.

A former president of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors she has extensive experience teaching at second level. She has also worked as a Mentor and Supervisor in University of Limerick with post graduate students. Currently she is Wellbeing Team Leader with the JCT(Junior Cycle for Teachers)



Mary Nihill

Mary was appointed Principal in St Paul's Secondary School Oughterard Galway in 1993. In 2005 she was seconded as Assistant National Coordination to the Leadership Development for Schools (LDS) team and coordinated programmes such as Misneach-the programme for newly appointed Principals and Forbairt –a development programme for established Principals and Deputy Principals. She is currently seconded as National Director of The Centre for School Leadership from her role as Principal of Calasancius College Oranmore Galway where she has been Principal since 2010. Mary was elected as President of The National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals in October 2014.



Anthony Kilcoyne

Anthony was seconded to the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) in 2011 and is currently the Deputy Director for Digital Technologies. Previous to this appointment he was the Team Leader (National Coordinator) for School Leadership from 2013-2017. He coordinates the suite of supports that are available to schools from PDST and PDST Technology in Education to embrace further the opportunities afforded by the use of digital technologies and embed their use in classroom practice.



Paddy Lavelle

Paddy Lavelle is Chief Executive of the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board. The board covers three counties of Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. There are 40 schools with 22500 day students and a Further Education and Training section that engages 28,000 learners annually. Prior to his current role he was CEO in County Waterford Vocational Education Committee from 2001. President of Chief Executive and Education Officers Association from 2012-16. Involved in leading change in the Education and Training domains in Ireland throughout career. Working with colleagues in ETBI to improve ETB functions and coherence.



Prof Laura Lundy

Laura Lundy is Co-Director of the Centre for Children's Rights and a Professor in the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work at Queen's University, Belfast. She is co-Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Children's Rights. Her expertise is in children's right to participate in decision-making and education rights. Her 2007 paper, "'Voice' is not enough" is one of the most highly cited academic papers on children's rights and the model of children's participation it proposes (based on four key concepts - Space, Voice, Audience and Influence) is used extensively in scholarship and practice. The 'Lundy model' of child participation is core to the Irish National Children's Participation Strategy (2015) and has been adopted by international organisations such as the European Commission and global NGOs such as World Vision.



Dr David Frost

David is a member of the Board of Trustees of the HertsCam Network and an Emeritus Fellow at Wolfson College, Cambridge. As a member of the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education from 1996-2016, David devoted his research and development activity to supporting teacher leadership. Since the last 1980s he has developed strategies that enable teachers to become more effective agents of change. Over 15 years ago, David founded the HertsCam Network which provides programmes for teachers and schools in England and, through its International Teacher Leadership initiative, works with partners to establish teacher leadership programmes in other countries. He has often collaborated with Education International and was a speaker at their recent school leadership conference in Johannesburg. He has edited books which showcase teachers' leadership: Empowering teachers as agents of change: a non-positional approach to teacher leadership (2017), Transforming education through teacher leadership (2014) and Teachers as Agents of Change: a masters programme designed, led and taught by teachers (2018).



Dr Paula Flynn

Dr Paula Flynn is an Assistant Professor of Inclusive Education at DCU Institute of Education. Prior to embarking on research with students identified with emotional and behavioural difficulties in 2008, she taught English and Music at post primary level. Her research and teaching interests include: student/learner voice; inclusive education; and leadership for learning. Paula was the primary investigator on a study funded by the NCCA between 2014 and 2017, which involved a consultative process with students at post-primary level in the development of opportunities for curricular development. A significant objective of this study was to determine how to include student voice in planning such that there is a sustainable strategy and response for listening to students. Currently she is involved in a number of projects including research with colleagues from DCU that investigates 'Transition from primary to secondary school in the Dublin 1 area - an inclusive educational approach'.



Ger Power

Ger Power is a Senior Inspector with the Department of Education and Skills. He is currently assigned to the Inspectorate's Evaluation, Support and Research Unit (ESRU) with responsibilities in the areas of

- Inspection planning
- inspection model development
- STEM

Prior to his appointment as an inspector in 2007, Ger taught Technical Graphics and Engineering in CBS Tramore County Waterford for almost ten years.

Diarmuid Mooney

Diarmuid Mooney is currently a seconded Education Officer at the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) primarily working on the development of the new junior cycle technology subjects. A graduate of the University of Limerick, Diarmuid worked as an Engineering and Design and Communication Graphics teacher in Coláiste Chathail Chathail Naofa (now Dungarvan College) in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford under the auspices of Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board. While teaching here, he taught in the post primary and further education colleges and held the post of acting Director of Adult Education. In 2015, Diarmuid established the first PLC Engineering programmes in the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board that awarded its graduates a dual qualification; a QQI Level 5 Engineering Technology award and a City and Guild welding award.



Seamus Lahart

Seamus Lahart President of TUI will attend TUI Forum on Thursday afternoon November 15th.



John MacGabhann

John MacGabhann General Secretary of TUI will attend TUI Forum on Thursday afternoon November 15th.

