



PRINCIPAL AND DEPUTY PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION  
*CUMANN PRÍOMHOIDÍ AGUS PRÍOMHOIDÍ TÁNAISTEACHA*

# P.D.A. Conference 2023

## November 15th, 16th & 17th



**The Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway**

***Hosted by the Principals and Deputy  
Principals of Galway/Roscommon ETB***

Conference rate quoting PDA Conference at time of booking

Overnight Rates Single €105, Double €125 per night.

**The Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway.**

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## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

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| 4.00-7.00pm | Registration of Delegates  |
| 8.15-8.45pm | Topic to be decided        |
| 9.00pm      | Social Evening/Finger Food |

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## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

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| 9.00-10.00 am    | Registration of Delegates/<br>Visit Exhibitors  |
| 9.45-10.00am     | Introduction/Opening remarks  |
| 10.00-10.30am    | <b>Bullying/Cinealtas</b>   |
| 10.30-11.00am    | <b>Artificial Intelligence</b><br>Implications for PP and FE<br><b>Dr. Keith Quille</b>   |
| 11.00-11.30am    | Health Break/Visit Exhibitors   |
| 11.30-12.00 noon | <b>Diversity/Racism/Inclusion</b>   |
| 12.00-12.45pm    | <b>Panel Discussion with Conference Speakers</b><br>Facilitator Paul Fields<br>Director of Schools (Post-Primary ETBI)                  |
| 1.00-2.00pm      | Lunch   |
| 2.00-2.15pm      | PDA President's Address : <b>Adrian Power</b>   |
| 2.15-3.00pm      | Teachers Union Of Ireland<br>Forum and Discussion<br><b>Liz Farrell TUI President</b><br><b>Michael Gillespie TUI General Secretary</b> |
| 3.00-3.30 pm     | The mission, vision and Role of Oide<br><b>Dr. Padraig Kirk Managing Director Oide</b>  |

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| 3.30-4.00pm | Health Break/Visit Exhibitors   |
| 4.00-4.45pm | <b>Department of Education Inspectorate</b>                             |
| 4.45-5.15pm | <b>Workshops</b> – Facilitation of Meetings/ Gaelscoileanna /Further Ed |
| 7.30pm      | Pre Dinner Reception  |
| 8.00pm      | Conference Banquet  |

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## **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

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| 9.00-9.30pm   | Exhibitors  |
| 9.45-10.15pm  | <b>Conference Business</b> - Reports and Elections, and Motions |
| 10.15-11.15pm | Managing Gender Issues in Schools<br><b>Stella O'Malley</b>     |
| 11.15-11.45pm | Health Break / Visit Exhibitors                                 |
| 11.45-12.45pm | Leading Professional Learning<br><b>Dr Ciara O'Donnell</b>      |

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### **Three Step Registration Process for PDA Conference 2023**

- Step 1: Book Conference Hotel by calling 091 520520 and request for PDA Conference Rates.
- Step 2: Complete Registration Form and email to: sandraotoole@wwetb.ie or post to: Sandra O'Toole, Bunclody Vocational College, Irish Street, Bunclody, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
- Step 3: Arrange for payment:
- If paying directly yourself - see details on registration form.
  - If invoicing your ETB - please fill out the registration form, email or post to Sandra O'Toole with an order number and she will then email an invoice to you for processing through your local payment system.
  - If your ETB does not have the PDA on their system as a supplier, please email Sandra O'Toole with the name of the ETB and she will send in the necessary documents to that ETB.

# Fáilte an Uachtaráin President's Welcome

*Dear Principal / Deputy Principal*

I am delighted to be in a position once again to invite you to attend our annual PDA conference. This year we're going West to the beautiful city of Galway, where our conference will take place in the Galway Bay hotel from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of November. Last year our conference at Mount Wolseley, County Carlow, was an incredible success with a fantastic line up of speakers and events. Delegates to conference really enjoyed the content along with the networking and social aspects.



We are currently working hard looking for suitable people to speak to topics of direct concern to principals and deputy principals. With so much change coming down the line, information is key, and it is more important than ever that, as school leaders, we keep ourselves informed and up to date. This conference in Galway represents a great opportunity to hear speakers on these topics and network with colleagues facing the same challenges as you.

The conference offers an opportunity for us, as school leaders, to look after our own well-being. We spend much of our time trying to mind everybody else, so it is important that we take these opportunities to look after ourselves. As a CPD event, our conference is open to all irrespective of membership, so we would love to see you there. As such, we also have a long-standing agreement that attendees are entitled to claim travel and subsistence from your ETB as well as payment of conference fees. You may need to seek prior approval from your ETB in respect of such expenses.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well for the remainder of the summer term, and I hope you have a decent break over the summer to wind down and detach from school life. I would urge you to book your hotel room in the Galway Bay as soon as possible to make sure you can avail of our excellent conference rate and register for the conference as soon as you can. I have no doubt that this conference will be every bit as successful as last year and you will not go away disappointed.

Yours sincerely

*Adrian Power*

President PDA