

Fáilte an Uachtaráin President's Welcome

Dear Principal / Deputy Principal

I am delighted to be in a position to invite you to attend our annual PDA conference. This year, we're heading West to the beautiful town of Westport, where our conference will take place in the Knockranny House Hotel from Wednesday, 20th to Friday, 22nd of November 2024. Last year, our conference at The Galway Bay Hotel was an incredible success with a fantastic line-up of speakers and events. Delegates really enjoyed the content, along with the networking and social aspects.

We can promise a conference that boasts an engaging and thought-provoking range of speakers to address 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 Westport represents a great opportunity to hear from experts on these topics and network with colleagues facing similar challenges.

The conference also offers an opportunity for us, as school leaders, to look after our own well-being. We spend much of our time caring for everyone else, so it is important that we take these opportunities to care for ourselves. As a CPD event, our conference is open to all, irrespective of PDA membership, and we would love to see you there. 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 urge you to book your hotel room at the Knockranny House Hotel as soon as possible to ensure 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 that you will not go away disappointed.

Yours sincerely

Michael Murphy

President PDA



PRINCIPALS AND DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
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P.D.A. Conference 2024
November 20th, 21st & 22nd

The Knockranny House Hotel, Westport

**Hosted by the Principals and Deputy
Principals of Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim ETB**

Conference rate quoting PDA Conference at time of booking

Overnight Rates €135 per night.

The Knockranny House Hotel Westport Co Mayo.

Tel 00353 98 28600 • Email info@khh.ie

Wednesday 20th November

4pm to 7pm Registration

8.15pm **Guest Speaker**

Thursday 21st November

9.00am-10.00am Registration of Delegates/ Exhibition

10.00am-10.30am Inspectorate Presentation

10.30am-11.00am **Joan Russell ETBI**- Research findings on teacher professional learning

11.00am-11.30am Health Break/Exhibitors

11.30am-12.00pm **Dr. Anthony Malone** – leading professional learning in context of Cosan

12.00pm-12.45pm Panel discussion with the 3 speakers – facilitated by **Paul Fields ETBI**

13.00pm-14.00pm Lunch

14.00pm-14.15pm PDA President's Address – **Michael Murphy**

14.15pm-15.00pm TUI/Forum/Discussion

TUI President: **David Waters** and TUI General Secretary:

Michael Gillespie

15.00pm-15.30pm **Lorraine Gilligan** – Leargas – Exchange Programmes- Opportunities/student input

15.30pm-16.00pm Health Break/Exhibitors

16.00pm-17.15pm **Dr Kevin Marshall** Head of Education Microsoft Ireland

19.30pm Pre Dinner Reception/ Greeting of Guests

20.00pm Conference Banquet

Friday 22nd November

9.00-9.45am Exhibitors

9.45-10.15am Conference Business- Motions/ Elections/Reports

10.15-11.15am **Ann Margaret Clancy** - Empathetic leadership

11.15-11.30am Conference draw supported by sponsors

11.30am-12.00pm Coffee break/Exhibitors

12.00pm-1.00pm **Johnny Cooper** – Director of Leadership and Talent Development at Steering Point

Close of Conference

In the event of the Conference Hotel being booked out Rooms are also available at nearby hotels (3 min drive)

Westport Plaza Hotel Tel 098 55088 info@westportplazahotel.ie

CastleCourt Hotel Westport Tel 098 55088 info@castlecourt hotel.ie

Three Step Registration Process for PDA Conference 2024

Step 1: Book Conference Hotel by calling 098 28600 and request for PDA Conference Rates.

Step 2: Complete Registration Form and email to: sandraotoole@wweb.ie or post to:

Sandra O'Toole, Bunclody Community 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.