



Annual Conference, 2017
01-03 March, Castleknock Hotel & Country Club

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 01 MARCH

9.00-10.00	Registration (<i>with Tea/Coffee/Scones</i>)	
10.00-10.05	Introductions	Vivienne Branigan, Chairperson, NAYC
10.05-10.15	Conference Welcome Address: Session 1	Paddy Lavelle, Chief Executive, Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB Carol Hanney, ETBI AFET (Adult Further Education & Training Forum) Chair / Chief Executive, City of Dublin ETB
10.15-11.30	Keynote Speaker 1: <i>Mental Health and Youthreach Learners</i> Questions & Answers	Dr Tony Bates, Founding Director and Director of Innovations, Jigsaw
11.30-11.45	Break	
11.45-12.45	Profiling Youthreach Learners	Dr Mary Gordon, National Co-ordinator for Guidance, Counselling and Psychological Services in Youthreach, DES
12.45-13.15	Centre Presentation: Blanchardstown Youthreach Centre Questions & Answers	Tracy Philips, Co-ordinator Blanchardstown Youthreach Centre Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB
13.15-14.15	Lunch (& Viewing Exhibition Stands)	
14.15-16.00	Speed Networking	All Youthreach Coordinators
16.00	Conference Close	Viewing Exhibition Stands
16.15-16.45	NAYC PR & Communications Strategy	Sinead Murphy, NAYC PRO
16.45-17.30	NAYC AGM	NAYC Members Election of new officers & NAYC business
19.30	Dinner	

DAY 2: THURSDAY 02 MARCH

8.45-9.00	Registration	
9.00-9.05	Introductions	Vivienne Branigan, Outgoing Chairperson, NAYC
9.05-9.15	Conference Welcome Address: Session 2	Dr. Fionnuala Anderson, Director of FET, Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB
9.15-10.00	Instructions & Wake Up Energisers	Sports Staff Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB

10.00-10.15	Tea / Coffee Break	
10.15-11.45	Keynote Speaker 2: <i>The Secret to Happier Education: resisting the performativity trend with heart and soul.</i> Questions & Answers	Dr. Patricia Mannix McNamara, Deputy Head, School of Education & Co/Director Research Centre for Education and Professional Practice Faculty of Education and Health Sciences, University of Limerick
11.45-12.15	Quality Framework: Centre Evaluation and Improvement Plan (CEIP)	Gerry Griffin, National VTOS/Youthreach Co-ordinator
12.15-13.15	Workshops: Session 1 Workshop 1: <i>Practical Use of iPads in a Youthreach Classroom Environment</i> Workshop 2: <i>Classroom Management</i> Workshop 3: <i>Mindfulness</i> Workshop 4: <i>Using ICT to Create, Share, Engage and Organise You and Your Learners</i>	Fiona McGirl, Anne Grogan & Carl Sheridan, Blanchardstown Youthreach staff Harry Freeman Catriona McColgan, The Sanctuary Centre for Mindfulness Brian Comerford, Classroom Guidance
13.15-14.15	Lunch (& Viewing Exhibition Stands)	
14.15-15.15	Workshops: Session 2	As above
15.15-15.30	Tea / Coffee Break	
15.30-16.00	Centre Presentation: Balbriggan Youthreach Questions & Answers	Frances Kileen, Co-ordinator Balbriggan Youthreach Centre Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB
15.45-16.30	What Youthreach Meant to Me	Student speaker, Blanchardstown Youthreach
16.30-17.00	National Youth Health Programme	Rosemary Scott, Mental Health Promotion Officer, National Youth Council of Ireland
17.00-17.05	Youthreach 2017 Poetry Competition Launch	Ultan Mulvihill, Sligo Youthreach
17.00	Conference Close	
20.00	Gala Dinner	

DAY 3: FRIDAY 03 MARCH

9.00-9.30	Registration	
9.30-10.30	SOLAS FET Professional Development Strategy 2017-2019 and Youthreach Questions & Answers	Paul Malone, Manager, FET Professional Development, SOLAS
10.30-11.30	Review of Youthreach Questions & Answers	Dr Bryan Fields, Manager, Director of Research and Strategy, SOLAS
11.30-12.30	Conference Review & Evaluation, Focus & Aims of NAYC 2017-2018	All Youthreach Coordinators Facilitated by NAYC Executive

SPEAKER NOTES

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1: Dr Tony Bates, Jigsaw

Dr. Tony Bates is the Founding Director and Director of Innovations of Jigsaw (previously known as Headstrong) – The National Centre for Youth Mental Health, in Ireland. Headstrong was founded in 2006 as a non-profit organization committed to supporting and changing how Ireland thinks about young people’s mental health. Dr. Bates has 30 years of experience working in mental health including serving as Principal Clinical Psychologist at St. James Hospital in Dublin and establishing the Trinity College Dublin’s Masters in Cognitive Psychotherapy. He has worked and trained in the US and Oxford University alongside some of the leading international innovators in mental health. Since 2006, Dr. Bates and Headstrong have been immersed in designing, evaluating and refining a large-scale initiative to improve mental health outcomes for young people called Jigsaw. Tony was an editor of *A Vision for Change* an Irish Government policy on mental health service reform. He is an Irish Times columnist and author of several bestseller books on depression.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2: Dr. Patricia Mannix McNamara, Deputy Head, School of Education & Co/Director Research Centre for Education and Professional Practice, Faculty of Education and Health Sciences, University of Limerick

Dr. Patricia Mannix McNamara is a Senior Lecturer in Education and is currently Deputy Head of School of Education at the University of Limerick. Patricia is co-director for the Research Centre in Education and Professional Practice (RECEPP). Patricia was course director for the Diploma in Drug and Alcohol Studies in the University of Limerick (2007-2013).

Paul Malone, Manager, FET Professional Development, SOLAS

Paul Malone, a HR specialist with an MSc in HR Strategy and a Post-graduate Diploma in Education and Training Management, has held a variety of management positions in the voluntary, community and education sectors over the past 20 years. Paul was HR Manager in FÁS from 2006 to 2014 and led the HR restructuring project supporting the break-up of FÁS and creation of SOLAS. His current role is Manager of the FET Professional Development unit in SOLAS with responsibility for the development and implementation of the recently-published FET Professional Development Strategy 2017-2019.

Dr Bryan Fields, Manager, Director of Research and Strategy, SOLAS

Bryan Fields, a labour market sociologist with an MSc in Training and a PhD in Sociology, has worked in further education and training for 35 years and has held a number of senior positions in operations and policy in both AnCO and FÁS. In his current role, Bryan is Director for FET Strategy and Research in SOLAS which includes the Skills and Labour Market Research Unit (SLMRU) and organising the evaluation of national FET programmes. Bryan is a member of the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs and the Department of Education and Skills-led FET Strategy Implementation Advisory Committee.

WORKSHOP NOTES

WORKSHOP 1: Practical Use of iPads in a Youthreach Classroom Environment, Fiona McGirl, Anne Grogan & Carl Sheridan

This workshop will demonstrate how students set themselves up to a related module on the iPad. It will look at Learning Objective from QQI Level 4 modules, involving individual and collaborative learning through the iPads and an interactive group task.

About Fiona, Anne and Carl

Fiona has taught a wide variety of modules/subjects in her career, both certificates for Home Economics and QQI levels. For the past number of years she has been one of the Catering and Personal Effectiveness teachers in Blanchardstown Youthreach (2002 - present). Fiona is a graduate of DIT Cathal Brugha Street, 1994 and DCU, 2004.

Anne is a teacher in Youthreach Blanchardstown since 2000. She has developed, delivered and assessed QQI modules at Levels 3, 4 and 5 including Communication, Business, Personal Development and Information Technology.

Carl is a teacher in Youthreach Blanchardstown for the last 10 years. He teaches QQI Level 5 and Level 4 modules including Marketing, the Internet, ICT and Short Order Cooking among others. His background is in corporate management, working for companies such as Diageo and the Irish Greyhound Board. He is currently studying an MA in Education by research in DCU.

WORKSHOP 2: Classroom Management, Harry Freeman

This workshop will be an interactive session with practical tips. Harry has worked with a number of Youthreach centres on this issue.

About Harry

Harry is an education consultant and Strand Leader of the Positive Behaviour Management strand of the MEd Programme in Trinity College. You can find out more about Harry at <http://www.harryfreeman.ie/>.

WORKSHOP 3: Mindfulness, Catriona McColgan

This workshop will provide a practical and experiential introduction to a range of mindfulness practices and aim to assist you in taking better care of yourself, personally and professionally so as experience the fullness of life.

About Catriona

Catriona is Director of Programmes at the Sanctuary. She has a professional background in education (H.Dip) and has been practicing and teaching mindfulness based programmes to young people and adults for over 10 years. Caitriona is qualified in Addiction Studies, is a Yoga teacher and is trained with the Institute of Mindfulness Based Approaches. Her interest throughout her career has been focused on tackling educational disadvantage. She is a firm believer that stillness has the potential to transform and that teaching people how they can experience this is important for both mental and emotional health. Caitriona is both the lead teacher trainer for .b in Ireland for the Mindfulness in Schools Programme in partnership with the Sanctuary and co-facilitator for the Sanctuary Mindful Warrior Programme.

WORKSHOP 4: Using Using ICT to Create, Share, Engage and Organise You and Your Learners, Brian Comerford

Tutors all over the country are unnecessarily duplicating the same work to deliver module descriptors and minor awards. By introducing a new revolutionary on-line platform for the classroom we have organised interactive content to help tutors to focus their energy on delivery and “nudge” students into engaging with the content. In just three “clicks” tutors can deliver content and students will be ready to interact. Learner Record have been created for all on-line resources. The workshop will cover:

- How to use classroom guidance.
- Creation of your own content.
- Using SlideShare to share and collaborate with colleagues.
- Creation of video and embedding video.
- Integrated learner records to make your life easier.

It is currently used in over 300 schools, Youthreach and Further Education Centres.

About Brian

Brian qualified as a Polymer Engineer in 1996 and worked in the moulding industry for three years. After a year traveling he rethought his career and graduated in Guidance and Counselling (UCC in 2001). In 2012 he requested a career break from City of Dublin ETB to focus entirely on the Classroom Guidance project. Brian has an authentic, passionate, and practical voice in educational technology development. He’s motivated to make classes more interesting, engaging and fun. His insights into education have been hard won from struggling in the classroom to designing a new and successful way of teaching. Brian can be contacted via Twitter (@comerford_brian) or check out www.classroomguidance.ie.

EXHIBITOR NOTES

Information stands will be provided by the following organisations during the conference:

1. Safefood
2. Gaisce
3. Show Racism the Red Card
4. Classroom Guidance
5. Street Doctors
6. Educoot
7. Careers Portal
8. Irish Computer Society