

Education Conference

23 November 2012, Ardilaun Hotel, Galway

Self-assessment, Development, Excellence

Conference Programme 2012

Friday 23.11.12

9.00-9.30 Registration

9.30-10.00 Opening, Welcome from the Presidents, Chairmen & Seán Ó Foghlú, Secretary General of the Department of Education and Skills
Room: Connacht

Session 1 – Primary schools & Post-primary schools

Lecture

10.00-11.30 Primary schools & Post-primary schools –
The strategy for literacy and numeracy in Irish-medium and Gaeltacht schools from a language planning perspective
Dr Muiris Ó Laoire, Senior Lecturer, IT Tralee
Room: Connacht

11.30-12.00 Tea/coffee, exhibitors' stands (Glenarde Room & Hotel lobby)

Session 2 – Primary schools & Post-primary schools

Workshops

12.00-13.30 Post-primary schools –
Effective strategies for Transition Year – using *Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge* to promote Irish
Siuán Ní Mhaonaigh, Ionad na dTeangacha, NUI Maynooth
Room: Tetrarch

Primary schools –
Teaching grammar at senior level in Irish-medium and Gaeltacht primary schools: A successful, enjoyable approach
Pádraig Ó Duibhir, Coláiste Phádraig & Aisling Ní Dhiorbháin, Scoil Naithí.
Room: Connacht

Primary schools –

Implementing an Irish language policy in Gaeltacht and Irish-medium schools`
Niamh Ní Mhaoláin, Principal of Gaelscoil na Dúglaise & author of 'Ár bPolasaí
Gaeilge'; Mairéad Ní Chualáin, Scoil Náisiúnta Leitir Mealláin & Anna Ní Chartúir,
Scoil Náisiúnta Leitir Mucú
Room: Aran

13.30-14.30 Lunch (Restaurant)

Session 3 – Primary schools & Post-primary schools

Workshops

14.30-15.45

Post-primary schools –

Changes to the Junior Certificate programme
Rueben Ó Conluain, National Council for Curriculum and Assessment
Room: Cill Rónáin

Primary schools –

Whole-school plan for immersion education in a Gaeltacht or Irish-medium
school
Pól Ó Ruiséil, Scoil Náisiúnta Oilibhéar Pluincéid Naofa, Rann na Feirste; Gabriel
Ó Cathasaigh, Gaelscoil Sheáin Uí Ríordáin
Room: Aran

Primary schools –

Teaching and learning mathematics in Irish-medium and Gaeltacht schools
Majella Mhic Cionnaith, Curriculum Advisory and Support Service (CASS)
Room: Tetrarch

Primary schools –

Promoting Aistear in the immersion education system
Sibéal Breathnach, Gaelscoil Chill Dara
Room: Ballycurran

15.45-16.15 Tea/coffee, exhibitors' stands (Glenarde Room & Hotel Reception)

Session 4 – Special interest groups

Workshops

16.15-17.30 Post-primary schools & Primary schools –
Self-assessment and school development plan in a Gaeltacht or Irish-medium school
Marina Ní Threasaigh, primary school inspector & Eibhlín Ní Scannláin, Irish inspector
Room: Connacht

Post-primary Irish-medium Units – Meeting
Room: Cill Rónáin

Post-primary schools & Primary schools –
Developing recommendations on how to promote school community in Irish-medium and Gaeltacht schools.
Mait Ó Brádaigh, Principal, Gaelscoil de hÍde, Uarán Mór
Room: Ballycurren

Primary schools –
Transition from naíonra to Irish-medium primary school – as experienced by schools and naíonraí in the pilot phase of *An Traein*
Fiona Nic Fhionnlaoich, Coláiste Froebel & programme executive; Laura Ní Dhuibh, infants' teacher, Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich; Ciara Watson, Director of Naíonra Phádraig.
Room: Tetrarch

Primary schools –
Literacy in teaching and learning
Representative of the Professional Development Service for Teachers
Room: Aran

17.30 Eagraíocht na Scoileanna Gaeltachta Teo. AGM
Room: Tetrarch

Gaelscoileanna Teo. AGM
Room: Aran

20.00 Wine reception (Hotel lobby)

20.15 Gala Dinner
Performances from *Scléip* – Kym Gartry, Coláiste de hÍde, Tamhlacht & Sinéad Toomey, Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh
Céilí (fear a'tí: Diarmaid Uí Bruadair, Coláiste Feirste)
Room: Connacht