

2017 OMEP IRELAND CONFERENCE



Saturday 20th May 8.30am to 4pm

**Early Childhood Challenges and Opportunities:
Embracing Challenge and Inventing Tomorrow**

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Morning Sessions, Saturday, 20 May, 2017

08.30	<p>Registration Council Room Annexe, North Wing, Main Quad</p>
09.00	<p>Welcome: Dr Denice Cunningham, President, OMEP Ireland. Conference Opening by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Joe Kavanagh</p> <p>Council Room, First Floor, North Wing, The Quad, UCC.</p>
9.30 -10.15 Keynote Address 1	<p>Dr Sheila Garrity: Diversity, Inclusion and Family Support in Early Years Settings: a Case Study</p> <p>Council Room, North Wing, The Quad, UCC</p>
10.15-11.00 Keynote Address 2	<p>Sheila Dillon: Better Start Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - a national approach to ensuring children with disabilities can access the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme.</p> <p>Council Room, North Wing, The Quad, UCC</p>
11.00-11.30	<p>Break : Tea/Coffee</p>
11.30- 12.30 Keynote Address 3 and Panel	<p>Dr Mary O’Kane : The Transition From Preschool to Primary: Lessons from Research</p> <p>Wrap-up of morning sessions/Panel discussion Council Room, North Wing, The Quad, UCC</p>
12.30- 13.30	<p>Lunch : UCC Staff Restaurant</p>

Afternoon Sessions	Main Quad West Wing, Room WW 5 Strand A Chair: Wendy Oke	Main Quad West Wing, Room WW 6 Strand B Chair: Dr Rosaleen Murphy	West Wing, Room WW 7
Session 1 13.30-14.45	<p>Sinead Matson (Maynooth University): Can you see me? Can you hear me? Capturing the voices of marginalised children in majority world research contexts.</p> <p>Grainne Hickey (Maynooth University): A longitudinal evaluation of an early-years wraparound-inspired intervention in the community to improve parental and child wellbeing</p> <p>Jenna Russell (Barnardos Brighter Futures): Addressing Quality in Childcare: a case study of a community wide approach to improving outcomes for children in a disadvantaged area</p>	<p>Rhona McGinn (DIT): Enhancing Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education</p> <p>Heino Schonfeld (Barnardos): Social Media in an Early Years Setting</p> <p>Anna Rose Maguire-Codd (Athlone IT): Conceptualising and Contextualising Outdoor Play: Challenging the Discourse</p>	<p><i>Stands, posters, displays (from 12.30)</i></p>
14.45 – 15.15	Tea/Coffee Break		
	West Wing, Room 5	West Wing, Room 6	West Wing, Room 7
Session 2 15.15-16.00	<p>Saragh Ward, Ann King, Tara O’Leary (St Nicholas Montessori College): Students’ perspectives of Montessori philosophy in action in the birth to three environments.</p> <p>Niamh Sheridan (Togher Family Centre): Self-Evaluation: Quality improvement or exercise in coercive power?</p>	<p>David King: Children’s attitudes towards male educators in a play based preschool in the Republic of Ireland</p> <p>Rakhi Gupta and Emma Wheatley (Early Learning Initiative, NCI): Zoom Ahead with Books: Development of Children’s Enthusiasm for Reading through Parental Involvement</p>	<p><i>Stands, posters, displays</i></p>

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The mission of OMEP Ireland is to raise awareness of the importance of early childhood experiences, both because every child has a right to a high quality childhood and because of the effect on children's future life chances.

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