



Programme: OMEP Ireland/School of Education University College Cork (UCC) World Assembly and Conference 1st – 5th July, 2014.

Conference Theme: *Children's Cultural Worlds*

Sub Themes: 1. Play and Creativity, 2. Friendships, Relationships and Identities, 3. Digital Childhood, 4. Influences on Early Learning, 5. Sustainable Development and 6. Cultural experiences and Heritage

	Tuesday July 1st	Wednesday July 2nd		Thursday July 3rd
9am	Welcome President OMEP Ireland/ World President OMEP/Prof. Kathy Hall	World Assembly: Aula Maxima	8.30-10	Plenary/Keynote 2: Chair: Prof. Audrey Curtis Dr. Maggie Koong, OMEP World President <i>From an uneven to an equitable start: Promoting school readiness in all children.</i> Prof. Nektarios Stallakos, OMEP Vice President for Europe. <i>Preschool Children's TEXTS about their world.</i> Q&A
9.15-11	World Assembly: Aula Maxima, University College Cork	World Assembly Aula Maxima	10-10.30	Children's Performance
11-11.30	Break	Break	10.30-11	Break – Devere Hall
11.30 –1	World Assembly	World Assembly Aula Maxima	11-12.20	Chair: Dr. Fiachra Long, UCC Prof. Libby Lee-Hammond, Murdoch University, Western Australia <i>Indigenous/First Nations EC Practices – preserving indigenous language.</i> T J O'Ceallaigh, Uas., <i>Inventing tomorrow: The Irish Language as a Cultural Tool in Early Childhood Care and Education in Ireland.</i> <i>Irish Language, Life and Culture</i> Q&A
1-2	Lunch	Lunch	12.30–1.30	12.30 – 1.30 Lunch – Devere Hall Exhibitions/Posters/Stand
2–5	World Assembly Aula Maxima	World Assembly Aula Maxima 4pm onwards Registration Boole Basement	1.30 – 2.45	Keynote 3: Chair: Dr. Deirdre Horgan Prof. Noirin Hayes, Trinity College /Dublin Institute of Technology <i>Troubling Outcomes – A Challenge for Early Childhood Education</i> Response to keynote: Dr. Deirdre Horgan, UCC Q&A
5– 6		Lord Mayor's Reception Common Room 5.00pm	2.45	Til 4.15 Strands: Long & Short Papers, Symposia
6.30–7		Conference opening: Lord Mayor, UCC Presid OMEP World President, OMEP Ireland President	4-15-4.45	Coffee break and Transition time
7–8.30		Keynote Address 1: Chair: Prof. Emeritus Francis Douglas Prof. Kathy Hall Response 2Keynote: Dr. Karl Kitching	4.45 – 6.15	Strands: Long & Short Papers, Symposia and Workshops
8.30–9.30		Round Table Discussion: Chair: Prof. Emeritus Francis Douglas		

	Friday July 4th	Saturday July 5th
8.30-10	Plenary/Keynote 4: Chair Dr. Stephen O'Brien Prof. Pia Rebella-Britto, UNICEF Response to keynote Prof. Ingrid Pramling Samuelsson, UNESCO Chair ECE/ESD, Sweden Q&A	Plenary/Keynote 6 Chair: Dr. Brian Murphy, UCC Prof. Cecile de Hosson, Universite Paris Diderot <i>Children's spontaneous ideas on nature: a determining element in teaching science</i> Response: Ulla Grob-Menges, OMEP Switzerland Q&A
10-10.30	Break & Poster Presentations – Devere Hall	Break & Poster Presentations – Devere Hall
10.30-11.30		Chair: Dr. Jacqui O'Riordan UCC OMEP Representatives to the United Nations: Stolen Childhoods: Migrant and Refugee Children around the World. Symposium : Prof. Judith Wagner, Amber Ericksson, Grace Jepkemboi, Maria Pia Belloni Mignatti, USA
11.00 - 12.20	Prof. Fred Powell UCC <i>Children's Rights in the Digital Age: Rethinking Childhood</i> Dr. Brian Murphy, UCC <i>International trends in literacy education: The need to challenge and see beyond the 'Germ' effect.</i> Q&A	11.30am – 1.30pm Chair: Dr. Anna Ridgway, UCC <i>Science for Young Learners and Science Magic Show</i> Dr. Declan Kennedy, UCC
12.30–1.30	Lunch – Devere Hall Exhibitions/Posters/Stands	
1.30 – 2.45	Keynote 5: Chair: Dr. Maura Cunneen Linda Pound, Early Years' Consultant, UK <i>Poverty Knock: Scarcity & Inequality in young Children's worlds</i> Response keynote: Dr. Maura Cunneen, Q&A	OMEP 67th World Assembly & International Conference 2015 – Washington Conference closing: Judith Wagner, Deputy World President. Pat O'Connor, President OMEP Ireland.
2.45	Strands: Long & Short Papers, Symposia	
4-15-4.45	Coffee break and Transition time	
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