



Sat 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Hybrid Conference

Online via Zoom [and](#) Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Grace Park, Dublin.

## Being, Becoming and Beyond: SPHE In Children and Young People's Lives



### Call for Papers, Posters and Workshops

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the sixth conference of the SPHE Network. The SPHE Network addresses many different issues relating to SPHE with a view to facilitating its ongoing development as an integral part of school curricula. Our biennial conference aims to bring together academics, educators, student educators, postgraduate students, health professionals, policy-makers, NGOs and the wider education community, to engage in dialogue about the role of SPHE in children and young people's lives, with a particular focus on how it shapes *their* development and prepares them for their futures. The conference approach emphasises participation and the sharing of ideas and experiences. The conference will include keynote and paper presentations, workshops and poster displays. It will also include a TeachMeet. We particularly welcome current research, and/or examples of innovative pedagogies, materials and classroom practices/experiences at early childhood, primary, post-primary and third level.

This SPHE Network conference is entitled '**Being, Becoming and Beyond: SPHE In Children and Young People's Lives**'. At this important juncture of curriculum development and change, this conference aims to reflect on being and *becoming* for children and young people, using SPHE as a lens. This theme speaks to many disciplines, and the conference will provide an opportunity to interrogate children's being and becoming from a variety of perspectives; including theoretical, sociological, psychological, philosophical and curricular and from an overall school experience perspective. The keynote presentations will invite the audience to engage with the complexities embedded within these concepts. Our two keynote speakers are Fionnuala Waldron (Professor Emerita DCU, Cregan Professor of Education and the Centre for Human Rights and Citizenship Education) and Colm O'Gorman (Human Rights activist and founder of One in Four). Parallel sessions and workshops will explore and deconstruct the key theme. Participants will also be provided with the opportunity to review a variety of poster presentations on the theme. Our aim is to create a space for

reflection and dialogue that appeals to all those with an interest in the experiences of children and young people as they grow, develop and mature as individuals and citizens in society.

This call for papers, posters and workshop proposals is **NOW OPEN**. Submissions reflecting the latest research, theory and practice within SPHE and beyond are welcome. Applicants may indicate the types of input they feel would most appropriately respond to their abstract (e.g. academic paper, workshop, poster, teachmeet presentation etc.) and are encouraged to consider interactive and reflective forms of presentation, where their material lends itself to these approaches. Posters will also be welcome for display, particularly from student teachers and newly-qualified teachers.

All abstract proposals will be blind reviewed by a committee selected by the SPHE Network. Please indicate in your email whether your abstract refers to a paper, workshop or poster. Abstracts should be between 200 and 300 words in length.



**Deadline for abstracts to be submitted: Friday 30th June 2023.**



Abstracts or queries should be sent to: [sphenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:sphenetwork@gmail.com)



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