



Sat 11th November 2023



Hybrid Conference (online and Marino Institute of Education)



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



Wellbeing at the Centre of Being, Becoming and Beyond



Developing a Positive School Culture and Climate



Relationships, Sexuality and Identity



Leadership, Policy and Stakeholder Engagement



SPHE in the Wider Curriculum Context



Children and Young People at the Heart of Learning



Care and Consent



Conference Programme



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Face-to-Face



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Online

8.30 - 11.00 Morning Session

8.30 - 9.30

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Fruit, Refreshments and Registration



9.30 - 9.45

📍 Walnut

Welcome and Introduction

Dr Barry Morrissey Chairperson, SPHE Network

Prof Teresa O'Doherty President, MIE



9.45 - 10.30

📍 Walnut

Keynote 1

Colm O'Gorman Human Rights Activist and Founder of One in Four



10:30 - 11.00

📍 Arbutus

Break



Option 1

📍 Walnut



Parallel Paper Session A:

Wellbeing at the Centre of Being, Becoming and Beyond

1

'Being and becoming comfortable with addressing difference: Supporting teachers to normalise and affirm children's diverse identities through SPHE'

Dr Anne Marie Kavanagh Dublin City University

2

'Wellbeing in education: Its potential to support Children's Being and Becoming'

Dr Fionnuala Tynan & Dr Margaret Nohilly Mary Immaculate College

3

'Well-being in a climate crisis: Understanding current well-being and possibilities for 'well-becoming' and beyond through education'

Dr Ashling Bourke Dublin City University

4

'Teachers' experiences of working with a bereaved child in the primary classroom, with an exploration into teacher-reported supports and strategies'

Rebecca Conlon, Hannah Dolan & Feargal Ó Laighin Marino Institute of Education

Option 2

📍 Room 5



Parallel Paper Session B:

Relationships, Sexuality and Identity

1

'Sexuality education: A study exploring the use of participatory exercises in aiding young people's understanding of the complexities of sexual wellbeing and relationships'

Ellen Corby Queen Margaret University Edinburgh

2

'Silence and sexuality: An exploration of RSE provision in the Irish primary sector'

Dr Suzanne O'Keefe & Dr Patricia Kennon Maynooth University

3

'Autistic and gender diverse: Belonging and flourishing at school'

Maggie Green ATU Donegal

4

'Putting some 'SASS' into LGBTQ+ inclusive practices and wellbeing promotion in post-primary schools'

Dr Seline Keating & Sharon Heron Dublin City University

Option 3

Room 4



Workshop Session A:

A Selection of Strategies, Approaches and Methodologies

1

'SPHE agus an Ghaeilge: Practical strategies to aid primary school teachers in utilising CLIL in their SPHE lessons'

Feargal Ó Laighin Marino Institute of Education

2

'Get Set! - Using alternative methodologies to create age-appropriate, effective, shame-free and fun sexuality education'

Kelly O'Doherty Dublin City University &
Ellen Corby Queen Margaret University Edinburgh, Sexuality Educators

Option 4

Room 6



Workshop Session B:

Developing a Positive School Culture and Climate

1

'Restorative Practice'

Dr Gerard Farrelly Mary Immaculate College

2

'Gratitude practice as a boost for teacher wellbeing'

Mary Jo Kennedy Mary Immaculate College

Option 5

Room 3



Teachers Sharing Practice Sessions (in lieu of TeachMeet)

1

'Enhancing body Image and self-esteem: Integrating the 'Dove Confident Me' resource into the SPHE curriculum at both primary and post primary level'

Suzanne Graham Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB

2

'Chess for social & cognitive skills'

Liam Murray, Lucy Bradfield & Damien Fallon Ficheall

3

'The A Lust for Life primary school mental health education programme and its integration with the SPHE curriculum'

Leda Connaughton & Fiona Maguire Lust for Life

12:30 - 2.00

Blasta Restaurant



Lunch

12.35 - 12.55 & 1.35 - 1.55



Yoga

Computer Room

Option 1

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Parallel Paper Session C:

Leadership, Policy and Stakeholder Engagement

1

'The Nuts+Bolts of being, becoming and beyond: Using a reflective framework to evaluate a school's anti-bullying measures'

Dr Seline Keating Dublin City University

2

'Being the DLP! Their mandated reporting experiences in Irish primary schools'

Dr Mia Treacy & Dr Margaret Nohilly Mary Immaculate College

3

'Maintaining the silence: The school leadership response to homophobic bullying in the 10 years of the anti-bullying procedures'

Dr Gerard Farrelly Mary Immaculate College

4

'Practical strategies for building parent engagement and communication in SPHE: Fostering collaborative partnerships for effective implementation'

Paul Knox Dublin City University

Option 2

📍 Room 5



Parallel Paper Session D:

SPHE in the Wider Curriculum Context

1

'"Being Well"- The place of spirituality in developing a sense of meaning in life for children in the primary school curriculum'

Dr Maurice Harmon Mary Immaculate College

2

'Shifting and changing practice: Lessons learned from an arts-based narrative inquiry with primary school children and their experiences of a social-emotional and academic learning programme'

Dr John Meegan Hibernia College

3

'Just let them have a say! Students' perspective of student voice pedagogies in primary physical education''

Grace Cardiff Mary Immaculate College

4

'Enhancing Emotional Regulation through Dance: The intersection of SPHE and PE'

Bronagh McGeary & Dr Fionnuala Tynan Mary Immaculate College

Option 3

Room 3



Workshop Session C: Children and Young People at the Heart of Learning

1

'Engaging our pupils as active citizens'

Dr Brigid Golden Mary Immaculate College

2

'Understandings of relationships and sexuality education provision for children with moderate general learning disabilities in Ireland'

Dr Audrey Johnston St Nicholas Montessori College

Option 4

Room 4



Workshop Session D: Care and Consent

1

'How do school leaders and teachers promote the well-being of care-experienced children and young people and how can SPHE help?'

Tara Madden Empowering People in Care

2

'I have to talk to young people about what?!: Preparing SPHE teachers for consent education'

The Consent Ed Project Team, Carolyn Brohan, Sianna Williams, Cathy Browne, & Amy Crane Tusla & Galway Rape Crisis Centre

3.30 - 4.15

Walnut



Keynote 2

Children, being and becoming in an age of chaos: What now for education?

Prof Fionnuala Waldron Professor Emerita DCU, Cregan Professor of Education and the Centre for Human Rights and Citizenship Education

4:15 - 4.30

Walnut



Conference Conclusion

Dr Barry Morrissey Chairperson, SPHE Network