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School Management Symposium 2022

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Agenda

- 9.30am Registration and Tea/Coffee
- 10.00am Welcome remarks by the Department of Foreign Affairs
- 10.10am WWGS Director Rita Walsh will give an overview of the day.
- 10.20am Colm O'Connor, Principal of Cork Educate Together Secondary School on 'What GCE means to our school and how it has enhanced our work'
- 10.40am Panel 1 - 'Linking GCE to our changing curriculum and school environments'
- 11.30am Global Cafe - Discussing Learning at your Table
- 11.45am *Tea/Coffee Break*
- 11.55am Sharon Maher, Principal of Navan YouthReach on the Role of GCE in Youthreach and their Cross-Curricular Approach
- 12.05pm Panel 2 - 'Championing GCE' - hear from best practice in GCE Leadership
- 12.55pm Global Cafe - Discussing your practice at your Table
- 13.15pm Closing remarks by Michael Doorly, Head of Citizenship at Concern
- 13.30pm Networking Lunch
- 14.30pm Event Closed

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Meet the Speakers



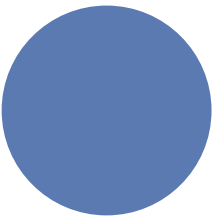
COLM O'CONNOR

Principal of Cork Educate Together Secondary School

Colm is the founding principal of Cork Educate Together Secondary School; the first co-ed, democratically-run, student-centred and equality-based secondary school in Cork.

Throughout Colm's career in education, his commitment to exploring what we can now call Global Citizenship Education (GCE), has remained steadfast in his approach to teaching and learning.

Under Colm's leadership and management, Cork Educate Together has become known for its strong commitment to student voice, Restorative Practice, democratic education, and promotion of GCE.



SHARON MAHER

Principal of Youthreach Navan

Sharon Maher, Co-ordinator of Navan Progression Youthreach has made concerted efforts to build a solid global citizenship education in the centre she coordinates. Every student and teacher embraces the importance of GCE to everything they teach and learn-all the subjects and skills building. They have made good use of GCE tools such as the 'Digging Deeper' tool shows their commitment to good quality GCE.

Meet the Moderators



MOIRA LEYDON

Moira Leydon is Assistant General Secretary with the ASTI. Her role includes developing policy across all education areas, in particular, curriculum, teacher professionalism, school leadership, children and youth policy. Moira also coordinates the ASTI's work at international level with Education International – the global federation of 30 million education workers. She represents the ASTI at the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD and is a member of the ICTU's Global Solidarity Committee and Women's Committee.

Moira is a founder member of the Irish Forum for Global Education which is the national advocacy platform for education in international development.



MARIE-THÉRÈSE KILMARTIN

Marie-Thérèse Kilmartin is currently CEO of Le Chéile Schools Trust. As Principal of Coláiste Bríde, Clondalkin for 18 years, she developed a passion for Global Citizenship Education through her teaching of RE, CSPE and Transition Year co-ordinator. As a school leader she availed of Worldwide Schools supports for her school in areas of review of the Mission Statement, embedding SDG's in subject areas within the curriculum, developing links with partner school in Delhi, India and achieving the WWGS Global Passport Award.

Panel 1: Meet the Panellists



LAURA WALSH

Laura Walsh is a Senior Inspector with the Inspectorate, Department of Education, and works in the Evaluation Support and Research Unit.



DR. MICHAEL REDMOND

Michael is the Assistant General Secretary and Director of Research and Development at the Joint Managerial Board. Michael also works on behalf of the Secretariat in a wide variety of educational areas including special educational needs, curriculum development, intercultural education, inclusion, disadvantage initiatives, and ICT in schools. Michael is a current Deputy Chairperson of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment.



DR. EILISH DILLON

Eilish is Assistant Professor at the Maynooth University, Department of International Development. She has been involved in Global Citizenship Education (GCE) in different capacities over many years, conducting Doctoral research in this area in 2016. She has recently led the development of a Certificate in GCE for teachers and practitioners at Maynooth University and is currently editing a book on the history of Global Education in Ireland.



ROISIN MARKHAM

Roisin Markham is the founder of the Irish Doughnut Economics Network, a systems expert and design thinking pioneer. An innovator, founder, future-thinker and technologist she has worked for more than twenty years helping clients align process to purpose by drawing a path from strategy to sustainable action.

A generous skills-sharer and ideas connector, Roisin is a visiting lecturer on design thinking and rapid prototyping at NUI Galway, and on digital facilitation practice at NCAD. A former artist with a social research practice she has worked in community education and with schools.

Panel 2: Meet the Panellists



MICHAEL FLYNN

Michael Flynn-principal of Ériu Community College-has demonstrated strong leadership in the school regarding global citizenship education from the establishment of the school in 2020. He has laid the foundations for a culture of sustainability and wellbeing in the school that is connected with the wider world. Michael will talk about some of the ways he facilitates this in his school.



SHANE KISSANE

Shane is Deputy Principal of Mercy Secondary School Mounthawk, Tralee. Shane taught Physics and Mathematics and was Transition Year Coordinator for nine years. Through Shane's commitment to prioritising Global Citizenship Education, he has built a school community that feels empowered to learn, explore, and take action as a collective.



CLAIRE MATTHEWS

Claire has been principal of Firhouse ETSS since it opened in 2018. As a developing school, Claire is committed to considering people and planet when it comes to consultation, decision-making and action. With a coaching and regenerative leadership style, Claire is excited to learn from others and hopes that there will be positive ripple effects from the practice being undertaken in relation to GCE in Firhouse ETSS.



ANTHONY DOOGAN

Anthony Doogan is the principal of Moville Community College since 2001. Previously, he has worked as a volunteer teacher in Malawi and supported WWGS in his school since 2013.

Panel 1: Linking GCE to our changing curriculum and school environments

This panel will address the importance of GCE to new and existing curriculum and its importance in helping our learners and school community to navigate the myriad of global justice issues in our world today.

Moderated by **Moira Leydon (ASTI)**.

LAURA WALSH

Department of Education and Senior Inspector

Laura will speak about the Inspectorate's commitments to the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Strategy 2030 and its agreed actions in the ESD to 2030 Implementation Plan: 2022 – 2026. She will also speak about the revised Looking at Our School 2022 Framework and how the framework can support the development of ESD in schools. In addition, she will share the observations arising from a small-scale series of engagements carried out across all three educational sectors (early years, primary and post-primary) in relation to provision and practice in ESD.

DR. MICHAEL REDMOND

Joint Managerial Board Assistant General Secretary: Research, Development, and Training

Michael will look at complexity in schools such as the myriad of disconnected initiatives on everything from inclusion to curriculum, digitisation to disadvantage mitigation, individual wellbeing to more global issues of justice, service, and peace. It's the role of the principal and senior management team to bring coherence and sustainability to everything the school does, ensuring it all supports the central teaching-for-learning mission of the community while still looking to the wider global context from which nobody, and no organisation, can be immune.

DR. EILISH DILLON

Assistant Professor at the Maynooth University, Department of International Development.

Eilish will explore why Global Citizenship Education (GCE) is so important in our schools today and how GCE is critical for creating a hopeful future. Drawing on research she has conducted with GCE facilitators, and her many years' experience as an activist and educator at second-level and in higher education, she will discuss the importance of GCE which meaningfully engages learners with the inter-relatedness of the challenges facing our world while supporting them with hope. Raising questions about what this means for school managers, teachers and the wider school community, she will focus on strategies and approaches for supporting critical and hopeful GCE in schools.

ROISIN MARKHAM

Founder of the Irish Doughnut Economics Network, founding member of RADSA and design thinking pioneer

Roisin will offer invitation to view your school as a system - how might it operate in a safe just space within the planetary boundaries?

She will propose your school could thrive using doughnut economics, degrowth and global citizen education to effect levers for change in learning, work, play and leadership. I'll urge you to equip our future generations with skills for the systemic changes we are facing.

She will offer that creating psychological safe places for radical imagination to flourish in your school unlocks a future worth living into.

Panel 2: Championing GCE - hearing from best practice in GCE Leadership

This panel will showcase the great work schools are doing and the role school leaders play in creating a whole-school approach to GCE.

Moderated by **Marie-Thérèse Kilmartin (CEIST)**

MICHAEL FLYNN

Principal of Eriu Community College

Michael will speak about aiming to embed GCE from the beginning of their journey with WWGS. He will speak about some of the ways he facilitates building a culture of sustainability and wellbeing in the school and how this connects with the wider world

SHANE KISSANE

Secondary school Mounthawk

Shane will talk about his leadership role in encouraging and collaborating with students to dig deeper into Global Justice issues. This includes empowering student led initiatives and actions, striving for continuity, and peer to peer learning.

CLAIRE MATTHEWS

Principal of Firhouse Educate Together Secondary School

Claire is going to share some insights about an event that took place in Firhouse ETSS in May of last academic year. Let's Look Up! took place with the support of the school's chairperson and Board of Management, and WWGS.

ANTHONY DOOGAN

Principal of Moville Community College, Donegal.

Anthony will talk about planting the seed of global citizenship education in his school, initially by supporting a champion of the cause within the staff, using external supports such as NGO representatives, extending the number of staff engaging with the SDGs through their subjects, and engaging all Junior Cycle students through CSPE.