



PROGRAMME

CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE

STRUCTURE AND TIME IN THE PRIMARY CURRICULUM

DUBLIN CASTLE

MARCH 28, 2017



PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

- 9.30** **Registration**
Tea and coffee
- 10.00** **Welcome**
John Hammond, Acting CEO, NCCA
- 10.10** **The Primary Curriculum: What is and what might be**
Arlene Forster, Deputy CEO, NCCA
- 10.30** **Keynote address**
Fergus Finlay, CEO, Barnardos Ireland
- 10.55** **Children's voices in the consultation**
- 11.05** **Tea, coffee and scones**
- 11.25** **Experiences from the classroom: teachers and principal**
- 11.50** **Group discussion**
Structure in a redeveloped primary curriculum
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- 12.45** **Lunch**
- 13.30** **Group discussion**
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- 14.30** **Panel discussion**
Facilitated by Declan Kelleher, Chairperson of the Board for
Early Childhood and Primary, NCCA
- 15.15** **Richard Bruton, T.D.**
Minister for Education and Skills
- 15.30** **Close of proceedings**
Brigid McManus, Chairperson of the
National Council for Curriculum and Assessment



KEYNOTE



Fergus Finlay

CEO, Barnardos Ireland

Fergus Finlay is a leading children's rights campaigner. He is CEO of Barnardos, a children's charity dedicated to working with vulnerable children and their families in Ireland. In his role as CEO, Mr Finlay brings together a variety of services to respond to the needs of children who are at risk or who are experiencing difficult times by providing practical and professional support. Mr Finlay campaigns to improve laws, policies and procedures across all areas that affect children's lives including education, health, child protection, poverty and housing.

Mr Finlay has worked as an advisor to the Labour Party, and to three governments. He has written four books and writes a weekly column for the Irish Examiner. In the roles of journalist, lobbyist, strategist, advisor and leader, Mr Finlay advocates for the rights of children, seeking to redress inequalities and to ensure educational opportunities and supports are provided to children and young people living in poverty. He has also been a life-long advocate for the rights of people with a disability.



CURRICULUM EXPERIENCES

Children's voices in the consultation

NCCA would like to thank the children, teachers and school communities of:



**Scoil Bhríde,
Galway**



**Scoil Íde,
Limerick**



**Scoil Chroí Íosa,
Galway**



**Gaelscoil Riabhach,
Galway**

Experiences from the classroom: teachers and principal



Lisa Hanley
Teacher,
St. Mary's NS,
Ballinagare,
Co. Roscommon



Orla Burke
Teacher,
St Paul's
National School,
Meath



Peter Long
Principal,
Scoil Íde,
Limerick



PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel discussion



Declan Kelleher

Chairperson of the Board for Early Childhood and Primary, NCCA



Aideen Howard

Director of The Ark



Tanya Ward

Chief Executive of the Children's Rights Alliance



Breege Flynn

Primary School Principal



Prof Mark Morgan

St. Patrick's Campus, Dublin City University



Cecelia Gavigan

Primary School Teacher



Prof Anne O'Gara

President of Marino Institute of Education





Thank you for contributing to today's consultative conference.

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