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NCCA partners with Department of Education & Skills and Teaching Council to host visit from Professor Andy Hargreaves

Professor Andy Hargreaves, a world renowned expert in educational change and leadership, visits Ireland this week to meet with teachers, stakeholder organisations, curriculum designers and policy makers.

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) is delighted to host Professor Andy Hargreaves, Thomas More Brennan Chair at the Lynch School of Education, Boston College. In partnership with the Department of Education and Skills (DES), the Teaching Council of Ireland and other education partners, NCCA will facilitate a series of events under the theme *Leadership for Learning*. Teachers, education organisations, curriculum designers and policy makers attending these events will get the chance to meet and engage with Professor Hargreaves.

The main event, the *Leadership for Learning* conference takes place on Tuesday, 25th October in the Croke Park Conference Centre. The conference will provide teachers with opportunities to engage in debate and to share ideas, knowledge and experiences from the Irish context. Professor Hargreaves' keynote address will explore recent international developments in education that are focused on improving equity and achievement. Following his address there will be facilitated collaborative sessions and the opportunity to engage in an informal question and answer session with Professor Hargreaves.

The Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Richard Bruton TD, who will be meeting Professor Hargreaves during his visit said "I am delighted that Professor Hargreaves is visiting Ireland and I look forward to speaking with him about his writing and research. In September, Ireland was one of a number of high-performing education systems that were invited to take part in the inaugural meeting

of the Atlantic Rim Collaboratory (ARC), which Professor Hargreaves is establishing to promote effective education policies. Officials from my Department will be meeting with Professor Hargreaves during his visit and I look forward very much to discussing the ideas arising from the ARC summit with him.”

Tomás Ó Ruairc, Director of the Teaching Council said:

“We are delighted to support this event which highlights the important role all teachers play as leaders of learning in their classrooms, their schools and in the education system more broadly. This engagement with Andy Hargreaves is a great opportunity for all of us to reflect and talk with teachers on the challenges and opportunities in the Irish education system, as we seek to unlock the full potential of our shared professional and human capital.”

Speaking about the event, John Hammond, Acting Chief Executive, NCCA said:

“We look forward to a stimulating couple of days and to the constructive exchange of ideas and experiences with teachers, principals and other education partners and leaders at a challenging time for everyone working in education in Ireland.”

A live stream of Andy Hargreaves’ keynote address can be viewed on ncca.ie/leadershipforlearning from 11.00am. The event can also be followed on Twitter at #leadership4learning. Follow @Education_Ire @NCCA.ie and @TeachingCouncil also for updates.

For more information, please contact conferences@ncca.ie or Patrick Sullivan at 057 8682 470

Notes to Editor:

Professor Hargreaves holds the Thomas More Brennan Chair in Education at the Lynch School of Education at Boston College. Most recently he has established the Atlantic Rim Collaboratory - an international initiative aimed at exploring and advancing equity, excellence, wellbeing, inclusion, democracy and human rights for all students. Ireland is one of the countries invited to participate in this initiative.

Professor Hargreaves has authored or edited over 30 books, several of which have achieved outstanding writing awards from the American Educational Research Association, the American Libraries Association, and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. One of these, *Professional Capital: Transforming Teaching in Every School* (with Michael Fullan, 2012) has received three prizes including the Grawemeyer Award in Education for 2015. Andy serves as adviser in education to the Premier of Ontario, is founding editor of two scholarly journals, and is President Elect of the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement. Andy consults with organisations and governments all over the world and was ranked the #6 scholar with most influence on US policy.