

Date: Saturday 15th October

Time: 09.15 – 16.00

Venue: Canal Court Hotel,
Newry



Programme		
08.30-09.15	Registration	
09.15-09.30	Welcome Address and Introduction	
09.30-10.40	Keynote Addresses	Jillian van Turnhout Evolving Identities in a Changing World Paul Connolly Diversity and Social Inclusion in the Early Years
10.40-11.10	Refreshments, networking and browsing exhibitions	
11.10-12.20	Interactive Workshops	<i>(please see attachment for full details)</i>
12.20-13.10	Lunch	
13.10-14.30	Live Link-up with the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco Hernando, Florida	Ernest Hooper: Soldiers for Society: The invaluable role of childcare educators Siobhan Fitzpatrick: Starting Early- Fostering a Culture of Respecting Difference Lynne Peyton: Understanding Others' Model of the World - a Tool for Appreciating Difference
14.30 – 15.00		Siobhan Fitzpatrick: Starting Early- Fostering a Culture of Respecting Difference. What does this mean for Ireland North and South?
15.00- 15.50	Plenary Session	Feedback from workshops and next steps
15.50	Closing Remarks	
16.00	Close	

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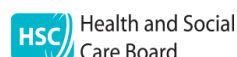
The conference recognises that Early Years services throughout Northern Ireland and Ireland can internationally cater for an increasingly diverse population of young children. Through keynote addresses and interactive workshops delegates will explore innovative approaches to respecting and celebrating differences and ways of ensuring that the needs of all children are addressed.

Interactive Workshop Titles and Presenters
<p>A. Supporting Children – Living in Direct Provision</p> <p>Liz O'Reilly (Daughters of Charity Child and Family Services) Asylum Seekers: Living and Breathing Diversity</p> <p>Lisa Moran (UNESCO, NUI Galway) 'Messages arising from a study of Early Years services and the experience of parents, including those resident in Direct Provision, in the West of Ireland.</p>
<p>B. Supporting Children - Prioritising the Inclusion of Children with Disabilities</p> <p>Anne Fitzpatrick (Orana) Making Young Children's Rights Real – The Inclusion Pathway at Newry Early Years Children and Family Centre</p>
<p>C. Supporting Children – Diverse Families and Cultures</p> <p>Una Turbitt (Public Health Agency) Child protection as a Priority - Female Genital Mutilation</p> <p>Denis Long (Roma Community Association managed by LORAG) – Exploring Similarity in Diversity</p>
<p>D. Supporting Children - Managing Diversity in Early Years Settings</p> <p>Denise Morgan (NICIE) Valuing and Respecting Diversity in the formally Integrated Pre-School in Northern Ireland</p>
<p>E. Supporting Children - Family Support</p> <p>Sinead McGlacken and Sheila Garrity (UNESCO, NUI Galway) Exploring the role of early years' services for families with English as an Additional Language in contemporary Ireland</p> <p>Grainne Gibson (HEReNI) and Paul Kelly (Rainbow Project) - Different Families, Same Love</p>

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