

Sustaining Teachers, Sustaining Education

Less is More

Consultative Conference on Education 2024

Ag Cothú Múinteoirí, Ag Cothú an Oideachais

Bíonn Blas ar an mBeagán

Comhdháil Chomhairleach ar Oideachas 2024

Fáilte

Dear delegate,

We are delighted to welcome you to Wexford for the 2024 INTO Education Conference, themed *Sustaining Teachers, Sustaining Education*.

This year's Conference links teacher well-being with the effective integration of sustainability education in our classrooms.

Our theme is particularly timely in light of the upcoming rollout of the redeveloped Social and Environmental Education (SEE) primary specification, and the introduction of 'Climate Action' and 'Sustainable Development' as subjects at Senior Cycle.

These changes are taking place at a time when many teachers are looking at their own wellbeing and the sustainability of their teaching careers. When teachers feel supported, well-resourced, and valued in their profession they are empowered to deliver the highest quality of teaching, ensuring that every pupil is equipped with the skills and knowledge to navigate the challenges of the future.

It is the view of the INTO that sustainability education will only flourish when it is built upon a well-supported and valued teaching workforce.

We look forward to your participation and engagement.

Yours sincerely,



Carmel Browne

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INTO President



John Boyle

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INTO General Secretary

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Friday, 22 November

2:30pm **Registration and workshop selection**

3:00pm

Conference opening

Carmel Browne, INTO President

Alice O'Donnell, Cathaoirleach,
INTO Education Committee

**Presentation by
MIC students**

Ellen McCluskey
Rebecca Banville
Shireen Rountree

Máirín Ní Chéileachair, INTO
Director of Education, Equality
Research and Learning

3:50pm

Coffee break

4:20pm

Discussion groups

5:40pm

Keynote address:

***Celebrating sustainability
stories within and beyond
our school communities***

Dr Anne Dolan

6:15pm

Launch of *Irish Teachers' Journal*

6:20pm

**Address by John Boyle,
INTO General Secretary**

Wine reception

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Saturday, 23 November

9:30am

Workshop A

10:45am

Coffee break

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11:15am

Workshop B

12:30pm

**Presentation to the
INTO bursary winners**

12:45pm

Keynote address:

***Learning for sustainability in school
education: A European perspective***

Deirdre Hodson, EU Commission

1:30pm

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General Information

Registration

Registration opens at 2.30pm on Friday, 22 November. We ask you to assist INTO staff by completing your delegate card, which is in your pack, prior to your arrival at the registration desk.

Conference evaluation

Delegates will be contacted after the conference with a link to a short online questionnaire for the purposes of evaluating the conference.

Trade stands and exhibitors

A number of exhibitors will be in attendance. We encourage you to visit these during your breaks.

Absence from school

The Department of Education has given approval for leave of absence for delegates to attend the conference.

A copy of the letter is available on the Education Conference page on the INTO website. However, substitute cover is **not** available.

Car park

There are 250 complimentary car parking spaces available on site. Further car parking options in Wexford town can be found on the conference page: bit.ly/INTOEdConf.

Wine reception

The wine reception has been kindly sponsored by Comhar Linn INTO Credit Union.

INTO communication policy

Please be advised that photography and videography will be taking place at this event.

These materials may be used by the INTO and included in publications, media materials, promotional materials, digital platforms and social platforms. If you do not wish the INTO to use your image, please go to the registration desk and inform staff.

The INTO can then take reasonable steps to comply with your wishes.

Discussion groups: Friday, 4.20pm

The discussion groups will give delegates an opportunity to give their views and opinions on the important theme of *Sustaining Teachers, Sustaining Education*.

Please refer to your name badge (A-D) to find your assigned discussion group.

Workshops: Saturday, 9.30am and 11.15am

Delegates are asked to choose two workshops from the list below at registration.

Due to space limitations in the venue, each workshop will have a maximum number of delegates and will operate on a first come first served basis at registration.

For full details and a description of the workshops visit our dedicated conference web page at www.into.ie.

Discussion Groups and Workshop Venues

Room	Discussion Group Friday 4.20pm	Workshop A Saturday 9.30am	Workshop B Saturday 11.15am
McClure II	A	<i>Restorative Practice - Building Relationships through Positive Communication</i> Michelle Stowe	<i>Restorative Practice - Building Relationships Through Positive Communication</i> Michelle Stowe
McCarthy I	B	<i>Exploring ESD Skills Through LEGO Serious Play: A Workshop for Primary School Teachers</i> TESTEd	<i>Exploring ESD Skills Through LEGO Serious Play: A Workshop for Primary School Teachers</i> TESTEd
McCarthy II	C	<i>The Classroom with the Green Floor and Blue Ceiling- Bringing Teaching and Learning Outdoors</i> Wild Schools	<i>The Classroom with the Green Floor and Blue Ceiling - Bringing Teaching and Learning Outdoors</i> Wild Schools
Oscar Wilde	D	<i>Self-Care for Teachers</i> Jigsaw	<i>Self-Care for Teachers</i> Jigsaw
Pembroke		<i>Researchmeet</i> INTO Bursary Winners	<i>Sustainability in the Social and Environmental Education Curriculum Specification</i> NCCA
Selskar		<i>Stranger Danger: An inclusive classroom in a partially racist society!</i> Global Citizenship Schools	<i>Sustaining Teachers and Sustaining Education through Global Citizenship Education</i> Global Village