

5. Paula Mulhall: Planning for Effective Homework: Improving student engagement with homework through the use of effective homework practices.

Paula Mulhall is a Maths and Biology teacher in Phobalscoil Iosolde, Palmerstown. This workshop will outline the process Paula took to improve student engagement with homework and explore the benefits it brought to students in terms of both engagement and outcomes. Effective homework practices and their links to AFL will also be discussed.

6. Stephen Howell: Teaching Computational Thinking the Easy and Fun way

In this workshop, Stephen Howell will present the tiny micro:bit computer, which anyone can learn to build cool projects with. This will be a hands on workshop using arts and crafts skills, no coding or programming experience is required.

Please bring any laptop or tablet with you if you want to try your hand at some easy coding.

Conference Programme

8.30-9.30Registration

9.30-9.45Opening of Conference

9.45-10.30.....Keynote Address

Linda Ramsbottom

10.30-11.00Tea Break

11.00-12.00Keynote Speaker

Stephen Howell

12.00-1.00Workshop 1

1.00-2.00Lunch

2.00-3.00Workshop 2

3.15Conclusion of Conference

Mary Gilmore, Chairperson

3.30End

**Online registration only at
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**Closing date for applications:
27th October, 2017**



11th National Conference

“Looking at our Schools - Supporting the Changing Classroom”

Saturday, 11th November 2017

9.30 a.m.—3.30 p.m.

The Killeshin Hotel, Dublin Rd.,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Stephen Howell

*Digital Transformation in the Classroom,
The Challenge and Reward of Evolving how
we Teach and Learn.*

Linda Ramsbottom

(DES Inspectorate)

PRESENTATION:

*Linking ‘Looking at our Schools’ and the
Junior Cycle Framework through the School
Self-Evaluation process.*

WORKSHOPS:

Workshops at 12 noon and 2.00 p.m.

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Keynote Address

Linda Ramsbottom

Linking 'Looking at our schools' and the Junior Cycle Framework through the School Self-Evaluation process'.

Linda Ramsbottom is a Post-Primary Senior Inspector with the Department of Education and Skills. Linda began her teaching career in St. Leo's College Carlow and has also taught in New Zealand. She joined the Department of Education and Skills in 2004 and was appointed Senior Inspector in 2015. Her work includes, inspection activities such as Whole-School evaluation, Mathematics inspections and programme evaluations, as well as advice to schools regarding School Self-Evaluation and in policy advice. Linda serves as a member of the NCCA Junior Cycle Mathematics Development Group with a remit to collaborate in the preparation of the Mathematics specification for implementation in September 2018.

Linda's presentation will include a Q and A session.

Keynote Speaker

Stephen Howell

Digital Transformation in the Classroom, The Challenge and Reward of Evolving how we Teach and Learn.

How we teach and learn with technology is changing and continues to evolve at an astonishing pace. A student starting school today can avail of technology that seems futuristic and incredible to those of us who learned in a traditional classroom.

In this talk, Stephen will explore some of the new technologies that support both a learner and educator in the classroom. He will look ahead to what the educators of tomorrow might be teaching with very soon.

Stephen Howell is the Academic Program Manager for Microsoft Ireland since 2013. In this role he engages lecturers and students of all disciplines and levels with tech talks and curriculum advice. He organises seminars, presents at academic and industry events and has keynoted several conferences on tech education topics. Stephen is an advocate of Inclusive Design and Digital Transformation both in and outside the classroom.

He is a graduate of DCU and a PhD candidate in SMARTLab, UCD on Computational Thinking education with kinaesthetic learning. Before joining Microsoft he was a secondary school teacher (English, Irish and Maths), a software engineer, and Computing lecturer. He is a native of Louth where he still lives with his 4 young children.

Workshops

1. Tracy Talbot: The Student Voice.

Tracy Talbot (M.A. Theatre Studies) works as an English teacher in Virginia College, CMETB. She has always tried to make her lessons go beyond "chalk and talk". In recent months she got involved in the Erasmus Student Voice Project. This has enabled Tracy to get students to play a more dynamic role in her class and in their learning. She recently attended the JCT/NCCA assessment conference with her students, where their experiences were shared and enjoyed by all. She hopes to give you some simple, practical activities to make your classes become positive, interactive learning spaces and encourage your students to be active participants.

2. Emma Gallagher: Digital Technologies to support Oral Literacy.

This practical hands-on workshop with Emma Gallagher will focus on developing skills in the audio-visual application EdPuzzle. Participants are asked to bring a digital device. It would be helpful if participants could create Teacher accounts in EdPuzzle prior to the workshop.

Emma is a teacher of Irish and English in Marino College, CDET. As the school's literacy link teacher Emma oversaw a digital initiative aimed at improving oral literacy in the school. The 'Hear Me Roar' project was awarded the bronze award at Digital School of the Year 2015. Emma has tutored in Drumcondra Education Centre for PDST Technology in Education. She is currently seconded to Junior Cycle for Teachers as Team Leader for English.

3. Mary Daly: A Journey - Our Way to Wellbeing in St Dominic's College.

Mary Daly studied Gaeilge and Geography at UCG. In 1977, she began her teaching career in St. Dominic's College, Ballyfermot. In 2000, she took up the role of principal in the school.

St Dominic's College is a DEIS 1 school which prides itself in delivering equality of opportunity for all their students. As a school leader, Mary's moral purpose has always been to address educational inequality, by encouraging innovative teaching and learning methodologies which engage her students to take an active, responsible and independent role in their learning.

She believes that schools have a central role to play in supporting young people today in a world where students are exposed to a range of economic, political, environmental and social influences. They require support to develop certain skills to make positive responsible decisions relating to their health and wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

Mary and her colleagues Sarah Green and Cheryl Keeler will share their ongoing journey in this workshop.

4. Leslie Turner: Junior Cycle Planning Utilising Technology

Leslie Turner will demonstrate how ICT can be used to effectively help scaffold all elements of the Junior Cycle to streamline the planning process. Participants will see a practical demonstration of how this can be achieved through an online platform.

- The planning process – some considerations
- How to unify planning across the subject department to ensure a consistent and collaborative approach
- Delivering your planning and involving students in the process through sharing
- How planning can be an iterative and organic process
- Assessment of students and of planning
- Closed loop

This workshop will be a mix of demonstrations and discussion so no devices are required.

Leslie Turner is the CEO and Co-founder of SchoolWise, an Irish based EdTech company.