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**€130**



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***The John Marcus O'Sullivan  
Conference 2015***

**Religion, Diversity & Publicly-Managed Schools**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

**ETBI, Piper's Hill, Naas, Co Kildare**

***Conference Overview***

The John Marcus O'Sullivan Conference aims to address issues pertaining to the distinctive role of publicly-managed schools in relation to religion, moral education, citizenship and belonging by providing an opportunity for debate, discussion and learning on the distinctive contribution of publicly managed schools within an ever more diverse Ireland.

This Conference continues a tradition established by Kerry VEC in the 1970's, to commemorate the memory of John Marcus O'Sullivan, at one time a Professor of History, who was the Minister for Education from 1927 to 1932, and the Minister who steered the Vocational Education Act, 1930, into law. The 2015 event is organised by ETBI in collaboration with the Department of Education and Professional Studies at the University of Limerick, Kerry ETB and Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB.

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

| Time        | Programme  |
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| 2:00 - 3:00 | Registration      ETBI - Light refreshments available  |
| 3:00 - 3.10 | <b>Welcome: Pat Gilmore, President ETBI</b><br><b>Conference Opening Address</b>   |
| 3.10 - 3.30 | <b>Gary Ó Donnchadha, Assistant Secretary, DES</b><br><b>Title:</b> Contemporary Reflections on Religion, Diversity and Publicly Managed Schools   |
| 3:30 - 4.15 | <b>Margaret Gorman, LL.M., Head of Education Practice, Ever-sheds</b><br><b>Dr Eoin Daly, NUI Galway, Author of: <i>Religion, Law and the Irish State</i>, Clarus Press, 2012</b><br><b>Title:</b> School's: their 'Characteristic Spirit' and responsibility for Religious Education - the Legal and Constitutional Imperatives<br><b>Chair:</b> Dr Orla McCormack                                    |
| 4:15 - 4.45 | <b><i>Reflections on the Conference Theme: Session 1</i></b><br><b>Dr Marie Clarke, School of Education, UCD</b><br><b>Title:</b> Education for the country girls: Vocational education in rural Ireland, 1930-1960<br><b>Chair:</b> Michael Moriarty  |
| 4.45 - 5.00 | <b>Break</b>   |
| 5.00 - 6.00 | <b><i>Reflections on the Conference Theme: Session 2</i></b><br><b>Áine Hyland, Emeritus Professor of Education, UCC</b><br><b>Title:</b> Professor Hyland will consider the issues raised by the speakers over the course of the afternoon in the context of contemporary developments in Irish Society and moderate a plenary discussion<br><b>Chair:</b> Ann O 'Dwyer, Education Officer, Kerry ETB |
| 6.30        | <b>Conference Dinner, Killashee House Hotel</b>  |



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## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

| Time                 | Programme   |
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| <b>9.00 - 9.30</b>   | <b>Registration</b>   |
| <b>9.30 - 10.15</b>  | <p>Report on <i>Exploring and Expressing Characteristic Spirit in Publicly-managed (ETB) Schools</i> - ETB funded research at University of Limerick</p> <p><b>Dr Jennifer Liston, Dr Joanne O'Flaherty &amp; Dr Orla McCormack (University of Limerick) and Participating Schools</b></p>  |
| <b>10.15 - 11.30</b> | <p><b><i>Reflections on the Conference Theme: Session 3</i></b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Ethos or Ethics or Characteristic Spirit?</p> <p><b>Patrick Sullivan, Director-Primary Curriculum and Assessment [Education about Religions and Beliefs and Ethics Curriculum] at the NCCA</b></p> <p><b>Professor Karen Fischer, University of Orléans, France, Author of <i>Ethos vs Ethics or the hierarchy of rights and values in schools - the Irish case (2010)</i></b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr Marie Griffin, CEO of Ceist</p> |
| <b>11.30 - 11.45</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>11.45 - 12.45</b> | <p><b>Parallel workshops</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 1</b> School Characteristic Spirit and the challenges for school governance - facilitated by Dr Deirdre Keyes, Education Officer, DDLETB</p> <p><b>Workshop 2</b> Best Practice Guidelines on Inclusion and Diversity in Publicly-managed Schools - facilitated by Aiveen Mullally, Marino Institute of Education</p>   |
| <b>12.45 – 1.30</b>  | <p><b><i>Final Reflections on Theme:</i></b> Fishbowl Discussion Involving Conference Participants</p> <p><b>Discussion leaders:</b> Prof Áine Hyland, Dr Marie Clarke, Professor Karen Fischer, Patrick Sullivan, Dr Iseult Honohan &amp; Rev Dr Tom Deenihan, CPSMA</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr Barney O'Reilly</p>   |
| <b>1.30</b>          | <b>Conference Conclusion followed by Lunch in ETBI</b>  |



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| <p><b>Killashee House Hotel,</b><br/>Naas, Co. Kildare, Ireland<br/>Tel: +353 45 879277<br/>Fax: +353 45 879266<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:sales@killasheehouse.com">sales@killasheehouse.com</a></p> <p>A special rate of €80.00 per person and €120.00 per double or twin has been negotiated with the Hotel but you must inform them that you are attending the conference to obtain the discount.</p> <p><b>Other Hotels in Naas</b></p> <p><b>Lawlors Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.lawlors.ie">www.lawlors.ie</a></p> <p><b>Osprey Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.ospreyhotel.ie">www.ospreyhotel.ie</a></p> <p><b>Maudlins House Hotel</b><br/><a href="http://www.maudlinshousehotel.ie">www.maudlinshousehotel.ie</a></p> | <p><b>Bluebell B&amp;B, Kilcullen Road,</b><br/>Naas<br/>Phone: +353-86-8758589<br/>Email: bluebellbandb@gmail.com<br/><a href="http://www.bedandbreakfastnaas.com/">www.bedandbreakfastnaas.com/</a></p> <p><b>Bridge B&amp;B, Newbridge Road,</b><br/>Naas<br/>Phone: 045 881891<br/><a href="mailto:info@bridgebedandbreakfast.com">info@bridgebedandbreakfast.com</a><br/><a href="http://www.bridgebedandbreakfast.com">www.bridgebedandbreakfast.com</a></p> <p><b>List of B&amp;Bs in Naas</b><br/><a href="http://www.naastown.com/bed-and-breakfast-in-naas-kildare.html">http://www.naastown.com/bed-and-breakfast-in-naas-kildare.html</a></p> |
| <b>Further Details</b>  |   |
| <p>Directions, transport links (including details of diversions for on-going road works around the Piper's Hill area) and other details relevant to those attending the Conference can be found on the ETBI website (<a href="http://www.etbi.ie">www.etbi.ie</a>).</p>   |   |



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