

## National Council for Special Education: Research Conference 2011

Wednesday 16th November, 9.15am – 4.20pm

The Hogan Suite, Croke Park Conference Centre

- 9.15 Registration and Tea/Coffee
- 10.00 Welcome and Introduction: Ms Teresa Griffin, CEO, NCSE
- 10.10 Opening Remarks: Ms Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
- 10.30 Guest Speaker : Professor Lani Florian, Chair of Social and Educational Inclusion, University of Aberdeen
- The Inclusive Practice Project (IPP): Key lessons for teacher education*
- 11.00 Plenary Discussion: Q & A

### Session One 11.20 – 1.20

Chair: Dr Seamus Hegarty, Chairperson NCSE Research Committee and Council member

- 11.20 Research Paper 1: *Access to the Curriculum for Pupils with a Variety of Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Classes: An exploration of the experiences of young pupils in primary school*
- Dr Jean Ware, Reader in Special Education and Director of Research, College of Education and Lifelong Learning, Bangor University
- 11.50 Plenary Discussion: Q & A
- 12.10 Tea/Coffee
- 12.30 The NCSE *Inclusive Education Framework: A guide for schools on the inclusion of pupils with special educational needs*
- Ms Jennifer Doran, Head of Research and Development, NCSE
- 1.00 Plenary Discussion: Q & A
- 1.20 Lunch

### Session Two 2.30 – 4.20

Chair: Mr Sydney Blain, Chairperson, NCSE

- 2.30 Research Paper 2: *A Study on the Prevalence of Special Educational Needs*

Dr Joanne Banks, Research Analyst and Dr Selina McCoy, Senior Research Officer and joint Education Programme Co-ordinator, Economic and Social Research Institute

3.00 Plenary Discussion: Q & A

3.20 *NCSE Policy Advice on the Role of Special Schools and Classes*

Ms Mary Byrne, Special Education Advisor, NCSE

3.50 Plenary Discussion: Q & A

4.10 Closing Remarks and Thank You: Mr Sydney Blain, Chairperson, NCSE

4.20 Finish

**Sign Language Interpretation, lunch and documentation will be provided.**