



Research Conference 2014

Wednesday 19th November 2014

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Agenda

9.00 Registration and Tea/Coffee

Introduction and Opening Session

10.00 Welcome and Introduction: **Eamon Stack**, NCSE Chairperson

10.10 Opening Remarks: **Jan O'Sullivan TD**, Minister for Education and Skills

Session 1: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Chair: **Professor Sheelagh Drudy**, Chairperson, NCSE Research Committee

10.20 **Professor Samuel Odom**, Director of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, University of North Carolina

Moving Beyond the Intensive Behavior Treatment versus Eclectic Dichotomy: Evidence-Based Programmes for Learners with ASD

10.50 **Dr Caroline Bond** and **Wendy Symes**, Manchester University

*Educating Persons with ASD – A Systematic Evidence Review 2009-2013**

11.20 **Dr Emer Ring** and **Dr Patricia Daly**, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

*An Evaluation of Educational Provision for Students with ASD in Ireland – initial findings**

11.50 **Q & A**
 12.05 **Tea/Coffee**

Session 2: Experiences and Outcomes for Children with Special Educational Needs in Ireland

Chair: **Johnny Murphy**, Inspectorate, DES and NCSE Research Committee

12.20 **Dr Jude Cosgrove** and **Caroline Mc Keown**, Educational Research Centre, and **Dr Joseph Travers**, St Patrick's College

*Educational Experiences and Outcomes for Children with Special Educational Needs: A Secondary Analysis of Data from the Growing Up in Ireland Study**

12.50 **Dr Richard Rose**, University of Northampton, and **Dr Michael Shevlin**, Trinity College

*Project IRIS – Highlights from NCSE Longitudinal Research**

13.20 **Q & A**
 13.30 **Lunch**

Session 3: Evaluating Friends for Life – a school wide positive mental health programme

[Research from NEPS and the NBSS]

Chair: **Maureen Costello**, Director NEPS and NCSE Research Committee

14.30 **Dr Richard Ruttledge**, Educational and Child Psychologist, National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) Department of Education and Skills

An Evaluation of the FRIENDS for Life Programme delivered by Teachers in Irish Primary Schools

14.55 **Sharon Costello**, National Behaviour Support Service (NBSS)

The Implementation of the FRIENDS Programme in Irish Post Primary Schools

15.20 Panel Reflections – *Practitioner Experiences of the FRIENDS Programme*

Adrienne Whelan, Principal, Killinarden Community School
Gerard Farrelly, Principal and Class Teacher, Goresbridge National School
Jennifer Barron, Principal and Class Teacher, Graiguenamanagh Boys National School
Anne McCormack, Teacher, Caritas College, Ballyfermot

15.50 **Q & A**
 16:00 **Close**

Sign Language Interpretation, lunch and documentation will be provided