

IFS Conference – Schedule of Presenters: **Thursday, 12th April 2012** (Poster Display in Atrium)

13.00	Registration, Tea & Coffee			
14.00	Welcome Address – President of Froebel College, Marie McLoughlin			
14.15	Keynote: Dr Glenda Walsh <i>The Power of Play-based Learning in Early Childhood Care and Education: a Northern Ireland Story</i>			
15.15	Keynote Questions and Comments			
15.30	Tea and Coffee			
16.00	Parallel Presentations		Workshops	
	Prof. Eamon O' Kane <i>The Froebel Studio</i>	Anna- Marie Higgins <i>Creativity and Musicality through Digital Soundscape Composing</i>	Therese Hegarty <i>Playing in Sand: an approach to Citizenship Education</i>	Yordanka Valkanova <i>Froebel and Paper-Folding Workshop</i>
	Fiona McKeon <i>Putting the Cart before the Horse: Are we giving priority to the knowledge rather than to the student, from reflective trainee teacher to a social and emotionally developed classroom</i>	Dr Valerie Ubbes <i>Hands as Body Language and Tools for Creative and Routine Habits of Health</i>		
	Karin Bacon <i>C.S. Peirce and Children's inquiry</i>	Áine Rooney <i>Creativity and Play in the Primary School Classroom</i>		
17.30	Reception and Music			
18.30	Buffet			

IFS Conference – Schedule of Presenters: **Friday, 13th April 2012 (Morning)** (Poster Display in Atrium)

08.30	Registration, Tea & Coffee				
09.30	Keynote: Professor Helen May <i>Contemporary issues in early education: An analysis of growth and constraint</i>				
10.30	Keynote Questions and Comments				
10.45	Tea and Coffee				
11.15	Parallel Presentations			Workshops	
	Katherine Lally, Emma Morgan and Dearbhla Hynes <i>Shoe Stories and Face Facts</i>	Jacqueline Fallon <i>The Influence of Teachers' Educational Beliefs on Practice in Infant Classes</i>	Dr Jane Read <i>Bringing Froebel into London's infant schools: Mrs Shaw's Froebelian practice with working class children in Hackney and Clapham, 1890- 1919</i>	Caroline Coleman <i>Discover Primary Science: Practical demonstrations of children engaged in play-based learning in Science and Maths</i>	Dr Christiane Konrad <i>Froebel's Mother and Nursery Songs</i>
	Sharon Murphy <i>How primary colour informed art-work incorporating the Froebel gifts</i>	Bernadette Wrynn <i>The rules of Curriculum Recontextualisation: insights from a Froebelian perspective</i>	Amy Palmer <i>"The purely experimental stage": Struggles for the form of English early years provision in the 1918 Education Act</i>		
	Joan Kiely <i>Do the Teaching Council's learning outcomes for graduates of B.Ed programmes facilitate Froebelian pedagogy?</i>	Marcella Towler <i>Froebelian Principles and Pedagogy in Early Years Care and Education in Ireland: the potential of "Aistear" and "Síolta"</i>	Kerry Bethell <i>To 'school' at five—but at kindergarten. Miss Morris' school class, Wellington Free Kindergarten Association 1921–27</i>		

Children at play in Early Childhood Room from 11.15 to 12.45

IFS Conference – Schedule of Presenters: **Friday, 13th April 2012 (Afternoon)** (Poster Display in Atrium)

12.45	Lunch (Froebel College Archive Tours available)				
14.00	Keynote: Professor Yumiko Suzuki <i>The use of Froebel's "Spielgaben" in a Japanese kindergarten to aid the transition from kindergarten to elementary school</i>				
15.00	Keynote Questions and Comments				
15.15	Tea and Coffee				
15.45	Parallel Presentations		Symposium	Workshops	
	Maria José Runes <i>The diffusion and reception of Froebel's method in Spain. Precedents, influences and reinterpretations (1850-1900)</i>	Elizabeth Oldham <i>Implementing 'reform' curricula in mathematics: how might Froebel's philosophy help?</i>	Dr. Kyoko Mukugi Dr. Hiroki Yuji Dr. Miho Nagase Dr. Yumiko Taoka <i>The tradition of local culture in Japanese pre-school education practice</i>	Heinrike Schauwecker-Zimmer <i>Froebel's geometrical plates in the context of his System of Gifts: Practical use in Germany today</i>	
	Yordanka Valkanova <i>Creating better prospects: Hebrew Froebel kindergarten education and teacher training in Russia (1910 – 1921)</i>	Cathal Doherty <i>Chaitinistic, contextual and logarithmical mathematical acquisition in the younger years. A truly child-centred approach.</i>			Yellow Flag Committee <i>The Challenge of diversity in the 21st century</i>
	Dr Claire Gallagher <i>The Pedagogy of Froebel and the Schools on Ellis Island: creating community from diversity</i>	Patsy Stafford <i>Numeracy through Play: From preschool to 6th class</i>			
Conclusion of Presentations and Workshops					
19.30	Dinner (Stillorgan Park Hotel): Guest Speaker- Eddie Linehan, Storyteller				

IFS Conference – Schedule of Presenters: **Saturday, 14th April 2012** (Poster Display in Atrium)

09.00	Registration, Tea & Coffee			
09.30	Keynote: Dr Kristen Nawrotzki Keynote: <i>As the Nation Shrinks, Its Kindergartens Grow: Early Childhood Care and Education in Today's Germany</i>			
10.30	Keynote Questions and Comments			
10.45	Tea and Coffee			
11.15	Parallel Presentations		Self-Organised Symposia	
	Marlene McCormack <i>The Power of Play in Early Childhood</i>	Laura Thornton <i>"The greatest soldier of all time..." Exploring the Visual Arts Curriculum through the Restricted Interest of a pupil with ASD</i>	Sue Robson, Lucy Parker and Sue Greenfield <i>Perspectives on creativity and creative thinking: children, practitioners and parents</i>	Anna-Maria Higgins <i>Musical Gifts: Composing Songs For Children</i>
	Denise Reardon <i>Achieving Early Years Professional Status (EYPS): challenges and uncertainties</i>	Dr Maria Duffy <i>Froebel: A contribution to Contemporary Spirituality</i>		
	Prof. Kevin J. Brehony <i>To be confirmed</i>	Caitríona Cosgrave and Tony Sweeney <i>Guided discovery methodology in early childhood physical education: a Froebelian philosophy in action</i>		
12.45	Keynote: Dr Larry Prochner <i>Kindergarten in the colonies—Canada, New Zealand and Australia</i>			
13.45	Keynote Questions and Comments			
14.00	Closing Address			
14.15	Buffet			

Afternoon: Trip to **Celtic Ireland Heritage** site (€20) at **Glendalough, County Wicklow** (45km from Froebel College)