

Conference Schedule

**Looking Back,
Looking Forward
Conference:
Celebrating 25
Years of Early Years
at UCC**

10 March 2023

**Venue: Dora Allman Room,
Student Hub Building, UCC**



9-9.30 am Registration (check-in: Fourth Floor, Lucy Smith Room)

9.30-9.45 am Welcome address: Professor John O'Halloran, President of UCC and Professor Chris Williams, Head of CACSSS (College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences), UCC.

9.45 -10.30am Keynote 1: Dr Ioanna Palaiologou, Centre for Psychological Approaches for Studying Education, School of Education, University of Bristol

Pedagogies for participation of prelinguistic children

10.30 –11am Coffee (Dora Allman room/ Lucy Smith Room)

11 – 12.15 Panel sessions:

<p>1 Creative, participatory and inclusive practice in Early Years Venue: Dora Allman Room [4th Floor, Student Hub Building]</p>	<p>2 - Early Intervention in diverse early years contexts Venue: SHTEPPS Room [2nd Floor, Student Hub Building]</p>
<p>1a. Exploring early childcare educators' perspectives on supporting music for children in Early Years Settings. Michelle Finnerty and Leah Ahern (Music, UCC)</p>	<p>2a. A Research and Advocacy Partnership with University College Cork and the Let's Grow Together Area-Based Childhood Programme. Shirley Martin (Applied Social Studies, UCC) and Lynn Buckley (Let's Grow Together)</p>

1b. Visions of play for inclusion and belonging. Helen Lynch and Alice Moore (OT, UCC)	2b. Embedding Aistear into Action Lesotho's children's programme: an Irish/Basotho Leeto. Jacqui O’Riordan (Applied Social Studies, UCC) & Marcella Towler (Education, UCC)
1c. Literature Review on methodologies and mechanisms for consulting with babies and children aged birth to 5 years. Deirdre Horgan (Applied Social Studies, UCC)	2c. Migrant parents: Perspectives on Parenting. Angela Veale (Applied Psychology, UCC)

12.30 – 1.1.15 Keynote 2: Geraldine French, Associate Professor School of Language, Literacy & Early Childhood Education, DCU

1.15 - 2pm Lunch (Dora Allman room & Lucy Smith Room)

2 – 2.45 pm Keynote 3: Maire Mhic Mhathúna, Chairperson Qualifications Advisory Board for the Early Learning and Care Sector

Beginning, Being and Becoming: Developments in Early Years Education & Care over the last 25 years and beyond

2.45-3.15 pm Graduate Spotlight (4 x 5 minutes)

Jane O’Sullivan - Lecturer in Early Childhood Studies, Munster Technological University.

Emily Ahern - Speech and Language Therapist, Clinical Director Evolve Therapy.

Jennifer Pope – Lecturer in Early Childhood Care & Education, MIC, Limerick.

Carol Brogan – Manager, Farmyard Kindergarten, Cork.

3.30 - 4.45pm Panel sessions:

3 Building the future Early Years workforce through Education Venue: Dora Allman Room [4th Floor, Student Hub Building]	4 Children’s well-being: voice, transitions and positive education Venue: Shtepps Room [2nd Floor, Student Hub Building]
3a. Nurture through nature: fostering early childhood students’ understanding of outdoor learning spaces. Alison Moore & Marcella Towler (Education, UCC)	4a. Are we listening now? Children’s voices in everyday spaces. Janet Dennehy (Cork City Childcare)
3b. Neuroscience for Early Years Professionals: Research and Applications.	4b. “I was BIG in small school, but I’m small in big school!!!”: Children’s

Audrey Dunn Galvin (Applied Psychology, UCC)	perceptions of transitions in Early Childhood. Maura Cunneen (Education, UCC)
3c. A Scoping Review: Examining factors that impact on Undergraduate students building resilience during professional Practice Placement in early years settings. Stephen Curran (Education, UCC)	4c. Embedding a Systems Informed Model of Positive Education at South lee Educate Together. Dave Cashman (Educate Together, Cork)

5- 5.30pm Short Panel Discussion and Close Conference

Digital display of artwork from migrant children on the theme of ‘belonging’ - Horizon 2020 IMMERSE project

Option for a small group visit to the EYCS outdoor learning space in UCC

