

***Diversity and Inclusion in Education and Training:
Respecting and Appreciating Difference***

**Dates: Wednesday 26 September and Thursday 27 September 2018
Venue: Killashee Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 DC98**

Wednesday, 26 September 2018 • Dé Céadaoin, 26 Meán Fómhair 2018

11.30 am – 1.00 pm **ETBI Board Meeting**

Venue: Boardroom 1

12.00 pm – 2.00 pm **Registration**

Venue: Thomson Suite

2.00 pm – 2.30 pm **Official Opening of Annual Conference 2018 • Oscailt Oifigiúil Chomhdháil 2018**

Chaired by Cllr Jim Finucane, President of ETBI

Welcome by:

- ❖ *Cllr Seán Power, Mayor of Kildare*
- ❖ *Noel Merrick, Chairperson of Kildare & Wicklow ETB*

2.30 pm – 3.30 pm **Annual General Meeting • Cruinniú Cinnbhliana**

Chaired by Cllr Jim Finucane, President of ETBI

Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

2017/2018 Annual Report

Presented by Nessa White, General Secretary of ETBI

Statement of Accounts for 2017

Presented by:

- ❖ *Cllr Mary Bohan, Chairperson, ETBI Finance Audit and Risk Committee*
- ❖ *Tony Harney, Harney Nolan Accountants & Business Advisors and ETBI Auditors*

Open Forum for Delegates

Issues raised by ETBs for the attention of ETBI

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm **Networking and visit to exhibition stands**

Tea and coffee available in the exhibition area

Session 1 **Learner voice in an inclusion framework: whose voice and who's listening?**

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm *Discussion followed by questions and answers*

Speakers welcomed by Cllr Mary Sweeney, Member of ETBI Board

Session moderated by Eileen Curtis, Director of Schools, Kilkenny & Carlow ETB

Keynote Speaker: Dr Paula Flynn, Assistant Professor in the School of Inclusive and Special Education in Dublin City University Institute of Education

Speakers & Panelists:

- ❖ *Dr Rory O'Sullivan, Principal of Killester College of Further Education, City of Dublin ETB*
- ❖ *Clairissa Power, Former FE Student and NLN Student*
- ❖ *Ciarán McCarthy, Student at Terence MacSwiney Community College, Cork*
- ❖ *Hilary O'Connor, Teacher at Terence MacSwiney Community College, Cork*

7.15 pm	Welcome Reception- 'A Celebration of Learning with Kildare and Wicklow ETB'		
	Kindly sponsored by: Wriggle & Microsoft Venue: <i>The Original House</i>		
8.00 pm	Conference Dinner		
	Venue: <i>Turners Restaurant</i>		
Thursday, 27 September 2018 • Déardaoin, 27 Meán Fómhair 2018			
8.30 am – 9.30 am	Registration Venue: <i>Thomson Suite</i>		
Session 1 9.30 am – 10.15 am	Apprenticeships & Traineeships in 2018: pathways that value the range of human differences <i>Discussion followed by questions and answers</i>		
	Speakers welcomed by Dr Fionnuala Anderson , Director of FET, Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB Session moderated by Padraig Boland , Training Manager, Laois & Offaly ETB Speakers & Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Tara O'Halloran, Kerry ETB Training Centre & Worldskills Ireland 2014-2017 ❖ Ailbhe Lacey, Apprentice Plumber ❖ David Tracey, Joinery/Training Centre Manager, John Sisk & Son Ltd ❖ Dermot Carey, Director of Safety and Training, Construction Industry Federation 		
Session 2 10.15 am – 11.00 am	Parallel Sessions <i>All sessions followed by questions and answers</i>		
	2A	Session A: Who is responsible for quality in Further Education and Training? Venue: Rathaskar Suite Welcome by Marie Gould , Programme Manager, QA & New Apprenticeships, ETBI Presented by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dr Padraig Walsh, CEO of QQI 	
	2B	Session B: Community National Schools: 10 Years On Venue: Boardroom 1 Welcome by Anne McHugh , CE of Donegal ETB Presented by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Séamus Conboy, Primary Schools Support Officer, ETBI ❖ Jacinta Regan, Education Officer, NCCA 	
	2C	Session C: Strategic Planning in our ETBs Venue: Fountain Suite Welcome by Paddy Lavelle , CE of Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB Presented by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Shelagh Graham, Director of OSD, Limerick & Clare ETB 	
	11.00 am- 11.30am	Networking and visit to exhibition stands <i>Tea and coffee available in the exhibition area</i>	
	Session 3 11.30 am – 12.45 pm	Transforming thinking about learning and learners: enhancing inclusion in the ETB sector <i>Discussion followed by questions and answers</i>	
	Speakers welcomed by Cllr John Hogan , Chairperson of Tipperary ETB Session moderated by Cynthia Deane , CE of Kilkenny & Carlow ETB Keynote Speaker: Professor Gerry Mac Ruairc , Professor of Education & Head of the School of Education, NUI Galway Speakers & Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dalton Tattan, Assistant Secretary, Department of Education and Skills ❖ Professor Michael Shevlin, Professor of Inclusive Education in the School of Education, Trinity College Dublin 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Niamh Biddulph, <i>Higher Education programme: ASIAP (Certificate in Arts, Science and Inclusive Applied Practice), Trinity College Dublin</i> ❖ Clr Patrick Murphy, <i>Mayor of Cork County & Chairperson of Cork ETB</i>
12.45 pm – 2.00 pm	Conference Lunch <i>Kindly sponsored by: Oracle</i> <i>Venue: Thomson & Ainsworth Suite</i>
Session 4 2.00 pm – 3.15 pm	Person centred approach to transforming education provision <i>Discussion followed by questions and answers</i> <i>Speakers welcomed by Deirdre Keogh, Director of Organisational Support Services, ETBI</i> <i>Session moderated by Joan Russell, Director of Schools Support Services, ETBI</i> Keynote speaker: Dr Livingstone Thompson , <i>Training Consultant at Living Cultural Solutions</i> Speakers & Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ann Heelan, <i>Executive Director, AHEAD</i> ❖ Liz Moynihan, <i>Director, Kinsale College of Further Education</i>
Session 5 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm	ETB Graduates: <i>The journey so far</i> <i>Discussion followed by questions and answers</i> <i>Speakers welcomed by Valerie Lewis, Educational Policy and Development Officer, ETBI</i> <i>Session moderated by Fiona Maloney, Director of FET Support Services, ETBI</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Aisling Bastable, <i>Programme Editor/Journalist, RTÉ</i> ❖ Fiona De Londras, <i>Irish Academic and Professor of Global Legal Studies at University of Birmingham</i> ❖ Jack O' Connor, <i>Student of International Business at University of Limerick</i> ❖ Alan Hand, <i>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council</i> ❖ Sarah Stone McDevitt, <i>Director at communications agency Core</i>
4.15 pm – 4.30 pm	Networking and visit to exhibition stands <i>Tea and coffee available in the exhibition area</i>
Session 6 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm	Diversity and Inclusion in Education and Training: <i>Respecting and Appreciating Difference</i> <i>Session chaired by George O'Callaghan, ETBI Vice-President & CE of Limerick & Clare ETB</i> <i>Presidential Address by Clr Jim Finucane, President of ETBI</i> <i>Ministerial Address by Richard Bruton TD, Minister for Education and Skills</i> <i>Vote of thanks by Nessa White, General Secretary of ETBI</i>
6.00 pm	Close of Conference
7.45 pm	Pre-Banquet Reception <i>Kindly sponsored by EMS Copiers</i> <i>Venue: The Gallery Lounge</i>
8.15 pm	ETBI Conference Banquet <i>Kindly sponsored by IPB Insurance</i> <i>Venue: The Lockwood Suite</i>