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**ETBI Active Inclusion Conference
Showcasing Active Inclusion
Practice across Education
and Training Boards**

Gibson Hotel, Point Sq., North Dock, Dublin
Thursday 18th November

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Time	Session	Speaker
10.00am – 10.30am	Registration	
10.30am – 10.40am	Welcome/ Setting the scene	Olivia O’Leary MC
10.40am – 10.55am	Opening Address – The Future of Education is ALL Inclusive	John Kearney Chief Executive Cavan and Monaghan ETB
10.55am – 11.10am	ETBI Active Inclusion Position Paper <i>A Study of the Role, Contribution and Impact of Education and Training Board (ETB) Further Education and Training (FET) Services on Active Inclusion in Ireland</i> – Key Findings	Crona Gallagher Chairperson ETBI Active Inclusion Strategy Group
11.10am - 11.40am	Changing the Approach to Mental Health Support through Active Inclusion in Further Education and Training	Keynote Speaker Ted Fleming
11.40am -11.55am	Comfort break	
11.55am - 12.20pm	Launch of Active Inclusion Position Paper Launch of Community Education Position Paper Launch of Adult Safeguarding Policy Framework	Ted Fleming
12.20pm-12.30pm	My Journey through Further Education and Training – A Learner Experience	Catherine Pattinson Cork ETB
12.30pm - 12.45pm	Adult Safeguarding in Further Education and Training Framework	Colm Lehane Director Clara Learning
12.45pm	Lunch	
2.00pm – 2.15pm	Welcome and key observations from morning session	Olivia O’Leary MC
2.15pm – 2.30pm	ETBI Community Education Position Paper <i>Study of the Role, Contribution and Impact of Education and Training Board (ETB) Further Education and Training Provision and Support Services in Community Education in Ireland</i> Key findings	Martha Bolger Vice Chair Active Inclusion Strategy Group
2.30pm – 2.45pm	Developing a Community Education Framework	Andrew Brownlee Chief Executive SOLAS
2.45pm - 3.15pm	Panel Discussion Moderated by Olivia O’Leary MC	John Kearney, Andrew Brownlee, Ted Fleming, Blake Hodkinson, Catherine Pattinson
3.15pm – 3.30pm	Closing Remarks	Fiona Maloney ETBI Director of Further Education and Training Support Services



Olivia O'Leary

Journalist, writer and current affairs presenter.

In the late 1970s she began working for *The Irish Times* as parliamentary sketch writer.

In 1972 she joined RTÉ as a current affairs presenter and later worked as a presenter on *Today Tonight* and *Questions and Answers*. She became the first regular female senior presenter of the BBC's current affairs programme, *Newsnight* and also presented *First Tuesday*, a monthly documentary strand produced by Yorkshire Television for ITV.



John Kearney

Chief Executive Cavan and Monaghan ETB

John Kearney took up the role of Chief Executive of Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board in September 2016. John has wide ranging experience in education and training having previously served as Education Officer with the Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board and Principal of Breifne College, Cavan Town.

John is very familiar with sectoral developments in acting as co-chair of the ETBI Directors of Further Education and Training Forum and representing the sector on the Tertiary Education System (TES) Steering Committee.



Cróna Gallagher

Director of Further Education & Training with Donegal ETB and Chairperson of ETBI's Active Inclusion Strategy Group.

She previously worked as an Adult Education Officer with Donegal VEC (1999-2016) and has extensive experience in youth and community work and in adult education, in Ireland and overseas. She is a trained facilitator, conflict coach and mediator.



Ted Fleming

Adjunct Associate Professor of Adult Education, Teachers College, Columbia University New York.

Holds a B.Sc. and B.D. (Maynooth) and also awarded M.A & Ed.D. (Adult Education) from Columbia University with Jack Mezirow. Also worked with Paulo Freire in Boston.

Formerly Head of Adult Education Department and Associate Dean of Social Sciences (Maynooth). Ted is currently: External Academic Advisor to the Citizens' University of Larissa, Greece and to the UNESCO funded Learning City Project.

Member of the Editorial Board: *International Journal of Transformative Education*. Member of the International Expert Group advising AONTAS on recognising student voice in SOLAS Further Education programmes in all ETBs. Received the 'Jack Mezirow Award' (2014) for 'original contribution to the theory of learning' - writing about Recognition and Axel Honneth. Delivered the Mezirow Memorial Lecture at Columbia University (2016).

Ted has a number of publications in 2021 which can be accessed at https://www.researchgate.net/profile/ted_fleming/research



Catherine Pattinson

Catherine is the parent of three young men diagnosed with ASD, two of whom have graduated through Cork FEC into MUT. Catherine has herself just completed a Supervisory Management in Healthcare cert in Kinsale FEC, and is an active member of the Cork ETB Learner Voices group, while working within the community with adults with disabilities.



Colm Lehane

Director Clara Learning

Has undertaken consultancy and training projects for over 20 years in Ireland and the UK. He qualified with a Masters in Social Work from UCC and is a registered social work professional with CORU. Having worked in operational services (practice and management), he went into

independent consultancy in 1999. His main areas of expertise and experience include;

- Safeguarding and risk
- Integrated assessment and planning approaches
- Training programmes related to social work and health
- Competency development in operational services
- Independent review and investigation services
- Working with conflict resolution and mediation

Colm's specialist subject knowledge area is safeguarding, in respect of adults (vulnerable persons), children/ young people (under the age of 18). He has extensive knowledge of policy, procedural and process requirements and works nationally both in Ireland and the UK on these matters.



Martha Bolger

Director of Further Education and Training with Kilkenny and Carlow ETB.

During Martha's time in FET (Over 25 years) Martha has worked with adults and young people through Community and Adult Education initiatives, all the while facilitating inclusion for the marginalized cohorts in society. A former CEF and AEO, Martha is currently a member of the ETBI Active Inclusion Strategy Group and Vice Chair of the Director of FET Forum.



Andrew Brownlee

Chief Executive SOLAS

The state agency responsible for further education and training (FET) and apprenticeships in Ireland.

Since taking up the role in September 2019, SOLAS has overseen the FET sector's response to COVID, launched an ambitious

new FET strategy, Transforming Learning, a new literacy and numeracy strategy, Adult Literacy for Life, and has overseen the inclusion of FET & apprenticeship options as part of the CAO decision-making process. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Andrew was Executive Director for Strategy and Knowledge at SOLAS, where he played a key role in putting in place a strategic performance framework for the FET sector and implementing reforms to support a more integrated system.

Andrew joined SOLAS from the Higher Education Authority where he was Head of System Funding and led the development a new funding model for HE. Prior to joining the public sector, Andrew had a long and distinguished career in management consultancy, working for PwC, PA Consulting and Fitzpatrick Associates. He has a Masters in Economics and Accounting from the University of Edinburgh.



Blake Hodkinson

An experienced educator, Blake has held a number of diverse roles in his career.

Currently he is Director of Further Education and Training with City of Dublin ETB. Previously he has worked as a teacher, Principal and Director of Schools.

As Director he contributes to the national education picture but also as a Board member of QQI and AHEAD. Blake is passionate about the transformative power of community education and social inclusion and the role the ETBs play.



Dr. Fiona Maloney

ETBI Director of Further Education and Training Support Services

Providing leadership to the development of education and training policy and sectoral supports for a sector that employs over 32,000 people and has a combined annual spend in excess of €2bn. Leading a high achieving and motivated team Fiona's role involves providing strategic direction in the development of

education and training policy and sectoral supports in the areas of Quality, Active Inclusion, Work-Based Learning, FET Planning, Reporting and Resourcing.

A key element of this role focuses on maximising the impact of initiatives and enhancing the profile of ETBs. Fiona's role has responsibility for creating and strengthening strategic partnerships with internal and external stakeholders and coordinating engagement arrangements between national stakeholders and ETB FET.



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