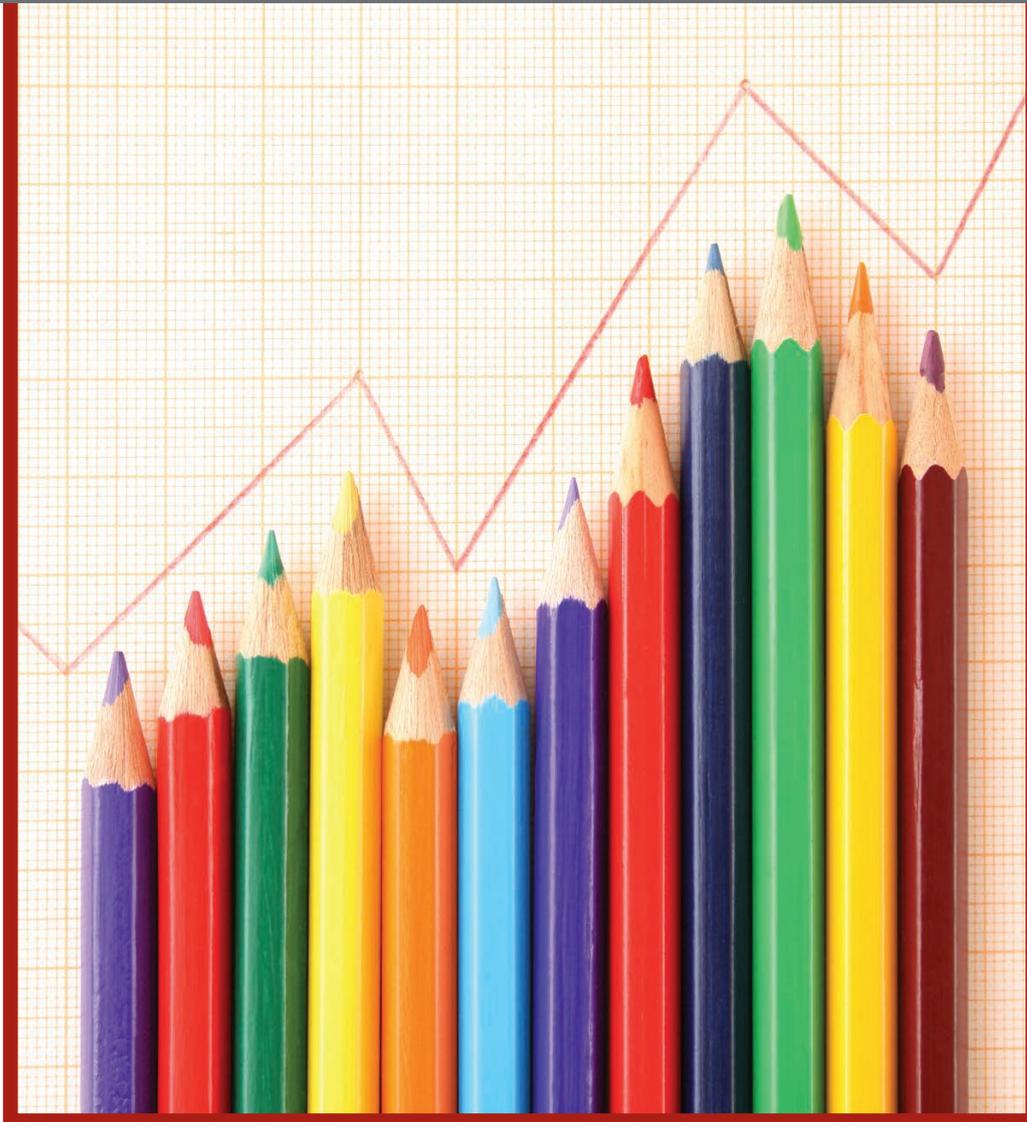


A One Day Conference

Raising Standards in Education in Northern Ireland

Friday 28th February 2014 – Belfast



Chair: Dr Sam McGuinness
Head of School of Education
University of Ulster

Speakers include:

Professor Paul Connolly
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About the Event

Capita Conferences' Raising Standards in Education Conference has been developed in consultation with primary and post-primary school leaders across Northern Ireland to address the most pressing issues in education. The forthcoming **Education Bill** will have huge implications for the education sector. With the establishment of the Education and Skills Agency (ESA), reforms proposed to the **common funding formula**, and changes to **assessment and qualifications**, this is a challenging time for all schools. It is therefore critical to come together to share best practice and ensure a continued focus on **raising standards and achievement for all pupils** at a time of major change.

Featuring **award winning senior leaders, outstanding schools and those achieving in challenging circumstances**, don't miss this unique opportunity to gain **practical advice and insight** into how to deliver whole school improvement and enable students to reach their potential.

Key themes of the conference will explore:

- Developing outstanding practice through **robust self-evaluation** and **effective leadership and management** strategies
- Tackling **social disadvantage** to narrow the attainment gap
- Taking forward **shared education** to raise standards
- Preparing students for life and work through **technology and innovation across the curriculum**

Attend this timely event and join colleagues from across **primary and post-primary settings** to share best practice, update your knowledge and discuss the leading issues of the day.

Benefits of Attending

- Discover how best to demonstrate **whole school improvement at inspection** through **effective and robust self-assessment practices**
- Hear from **outstanding and very good primary and post-primary schools** on how they have raised achievement and standards in their school
- Examine how best to develop **school leadership capacity** at all levels
- Take away successful strategies to **narrow the attainment gap** from schools in challenging areas of social and economic disadvantage
- Gain innovative ideas into how **technology and innovative curriculum design** can enhance students' learning experience and attainment
- Explore how the findings of the recent **Advancing Shared Education** report will translate into a strategy to increase the opportunities for shared learning



Who Should Attend

Relevant to Primary and Post-Primary Schools, Education and Library Boards, Government Bodies and Agencies including:

- Principals, Vice Principals and Senior Management Teams
- School Business Managers
- Governors
- Education Teams
- School Improvement Teams
- Curriculum Teams
- Finance Teams
- Department of Education
- Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI)

Forthcoming Events

School Exam Reform – Wednesday 22nd January – Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

Improving Primary Literacy and Numeracy
Monday 27th January – Central London

Child Protection in the Digital Environment
Wednesday 26th February – Central London

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For further information please contact Matt Turton on 020 7960 7717 or email matt.turton@capita.co.uk

09.20 Registration, Tea and Coffee

09.50 Chair's Opening Remarks

Dr Sam McGuinness
Head of School of Education
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Opening Address

10.00 **Improving Educational Standards through Shared Education**

- Exploring the current educational landscape including the changes to the funding formula, assessment and qualifications, the establishment of the ESA through the Education Bill
- Key recommendations from the *Advancing Shared Education* report to improve educational standards
- Developing a strategy to ensure all children have to the opportunity to participate in shared education and increasing the number of schools sharing facilities by 2015

Professor Paul Connolly
Professor of Education and Head of the School of Education
Queen's University Belfast
The Advancing Shared Education report was published in March 2013 by the Ministerial Advisory Group

10.25 Questions and Discussion

Delivering Whole School Improvement

10.35 **Achieving Outstanding across All Inspection Areas**

- Delivering school improvement
- Sharing experiences of the inspection process
- Developing leadership at all levels including middle tier
- Self-evaluation and continuous improvement

James Warnock
Principal
Dean Maguirc College
Dean Maguirc College was judged outstanding in all areas following an ETI inspection in March 2013

10.55 **Strengthening Leadership and Management**

- School development planning
- Using performance data to identify areas for improvement
- Embedding robust self-evaluation processes

Peter Donnelly
Principal
Holy Family Primary School
Holy Family Primary School was judged very good overall, with outstanding leadership and management following its ETI inspection in December 2012

11.15 Session Questions and Discussion

11.30 Networking Tea and Coffee Break

Narrowing the Gap

12.00 **Tackling Social Disadvantage and Raising Achievement**

- Improving attainment in literacy and numeracy
- Raising aspirations and supporting students to fulfil their potential
- Effectively monitoring and tracking progress

Primary and post-primary case studies will explore how they have successfully closed the attainment gap between disadvantaged students and their peers:

Nial Smyth
Principal
Christian Brothers' Primary School
Christian Brothers' Primary School was judged very good overall in February 2013, 38.5% of its pupils are entitled to free school meals

Isabel Russell
Principal
Holy Trinity College
Holy Trinity College is highlighted as a case study of good practice in tackling social disadvantage by an ETI report published in October 2013

12.45 Session Questions and Discussion

13.00 Networking Lunch

14.00 **Innovation and 21st Century Learning**

- Using technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience across the curriculum
- Using social media to engage parents and the wider community
- Preparing students for work and life

A primary and post-primary case study will explore their progressive approaches the use of technology in school:

Barry Corrigan
Vice Principal
Millennium Integrated Primary School
Winner of the Microsoft European Teacher of the Year (Community) and Runner-Up in the Microsoft Worldwide Innovative Teacher Award in 2010

Marie Lindsay
Principal
St Mary's College
St Mary's College is a Microsoft Mentor School, one of only 17 schools worldwide, who demonstrate a commitment to innovation and developing 21st century learners

14.45 Session Questions and Discussion

15.00 Chair's Closing Remarks

15.15 Close of Conference



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