

# National Parents Council Primary Education Conference 2018



Supporting Parents  
Supporting Children

- Date: Saturday, 16-June-2018
- Time: 10:30am - 4:00pm
- Venue: National College of Ireland, Mayor Street, Dublin 1

## SEEN & HEARD

‘The Child’s Voice, Making a Difference’

If you are a parent of a child in primary school and you want them to have the opportunity to reach their full educational potential then this is the conference for you!

Speakers will include experts in the area of education and parental involvement from Ireland and the Netherlands

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

Places are limited, to secure your attendance you must register in advance. You can register online at [www.npc.ie](http://www.npc.ie), or email your name and contact details to [info@npc.ie](mailto:info@npc.ie) or phone 01 887 4034



**Irish Daily Mail**

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Situated in the IFSC, on the LUAS red line at Mayor Square—NCI Stop

## Guest Speakers



### **Richard Bruton, TD** - *Minister for Education and Skills*

Richard Bruton TD is the Minister of Education and Skills. He previously served as Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation from March 2011 to May 2016. He is an experienced Deputy representing Dublin North Central and is a Research Economist by profession. He was Minister for Enterprise and Employment 1994-97 and chaired the European Industrial Council during Ireland's presidency in 1996.

### **Tako Rietveld** - *Making the Voice of Young People Heard*

Tako Rietveld is the world's first and only 'Youth Correspondent'. "Children look at the world from a different perspective than adults. They have their own unique thoughts, views and opinions." With Tako's help, we can learn from the children and act on it. He will take us on his journey into the world of young people. With powerful examples he will show young people are more than just happy creatures that like to play. 'Children inspire, surprise, make you think and make you smile. Adults teach children all about life. Children teach adults what life is all about.'

As a former reporter for the Dutch NOS 'Jeugdjournaal' Tako has travelled all over the world reporting for children about the various situations in the world. Tako set-up the 'De Kindercorrespondent' platform so that the stories and the opinions of children can be heard. According to Tako children are too rarely heard in the news.



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### **Dr Carmel Corrigan** - *Listening to children: examples and learning from the Ombudsman for Children's Office.*

Carmel Corrigan, Head of Participation and Rights Education in the Ombudsman for Children's Office has spent 16 years working as an independent researcher specialising in children's research, children's rights, and participation. Amongst other issues, she has undertaken research on children's voice in child protection proceedings through Barnardos' Guardians ad litem, child impact statements, early years care and education, child protection and child income. She has undertaken work for the Tusla, The Child and Family Agency, Children's Rights Alliance, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, the Department of Education and Skills, the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection and the former Children's Act Advisory Board. Carmel was engaged as an independent investigator and project manager by the Ombudsman for Children's Office and is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, NUI Maynooth, and the Irish Law Society,

**Partnership Schools Ireland (PSI)** is a joint initiative by the National Parents Council (NPC) and the Irish Primary Principals Network (IPPN) supported by the Department of Education and Skills. It offers training and support to utilise an evidence-based model based on the six volunteering types of involvement

The partnership approach seeks to encourage children, school staff, parents and members of the local community to work in partnership together, for the benefit of the children in school, to achieve academic and other goals in a yearly action plan in their schools. Children from a partnership school will share some of their own experiences and goals achieved in the past year. Through video and voice they will share how such partnerships have given them a real voice in choosing and achieving their school goals and how they feel about their own participation in such partnerships.



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### **Paul Gilligan**

#### *Seen and Heard - Empowering Children, Empowering Parenting*

Paul Gilligan is a clinical psychologist and Chief Executive of St. Patrick's Mental Health Services, the largest independent provider of mental health care in Ireland. He is an internationally recognised children's rights and child protection advocate and provides consultancy services to a number of child protection organisations in Ireland and Europe. He is former Vice-Chairman of the National Children's Advisory Council and the Children's Rights Alliance. He is also former President of the Psychological Society of Ireland. Before taking up his current post with St. Patrick's, he was Chief Executive of the ISPCC. He is the author of "Keeping Your Child Safe" and "Raising Emotionally Healthy Children" and is a regular contributor to T.V., radio and print media.

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