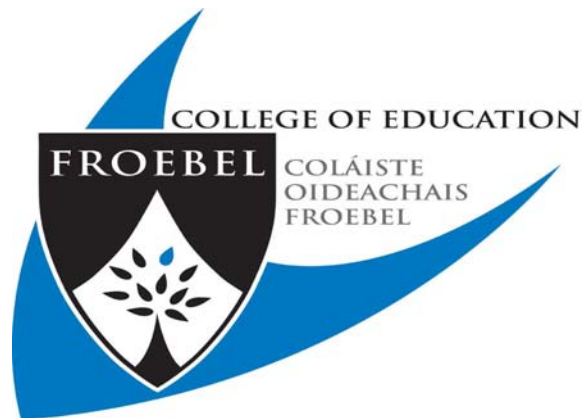


**Froebel: From Play To Work –
Taking Froebel Forward**

Thursday June 29th – Saturday July 1st 2006

**Hosted by the Froebel College of Education,
Sion Hill, Blackrock, Dublin, Ireland.**



International Froebel Society
2nd Biennial Conference

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The conference recognises that work and play are not opposites but complementary. Active learning is unique and another step towards the enlargement and growth of the total person. A person educated and living in an atmosphere where individual discovery, first-hand experience and opportunities for creative work are valued can develop into a balanced and mature adult. Such a person is able to live in, to contribute to, and to look critically at the society of which he or she forms a part.

Keynote Speakers

- Dr. Francis Douglas, University College Cork, Ireland.
- Professor Kevin Brehony, Froebel College, Roehampton University, London, England.
- Professor Dr. Karl Neumann, Centre for Higher Education Didactics/Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany.
- Dr. Barbara Beatty, Wellesley College, Massachusetts, United States.

Conference Schedule

Thursday June 29th

2.00 - 4.00 Registration (room 104)
Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

4.00 - 5.00 [Welcome and address](#) (Auditorium)
Síle deValera, T.D. Minister of State, Department of Education and Science

Keynote: “The Relevance of Frederich Froebel to Early Years Education and Care Today”

Dr. Francis Douglas, University College Cork, Ireland.

5.00 - 6.30 [Parallel Sessions:](#)

Session 1: Chair: Liam Mac Amhlaigh, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Does Learning and Teaching Involve Risk-Taking? (room 303)

Kate Adams, University of Strathclyde, Scotland.

The Importance of the Environment in Teaching Reading (room 303)

Dr. Angliki Kostopoulou, Open University/University of Warwick, England.

Initiating Life Long Learning Skills Among School Students

Through the use of Lesson Plenary (room 303)

Pinaki Chakrabarti, Astor of Hever Community School, England.

Session 2: Chair: Elizabeth Curtis, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Outdoors in Early Childhood Education: Reinventing Froebel’s

Garden Across Space and Time in Dublin (room 304)

Margaret Kernan, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland.

Learning in Art and Froebel’s Gifts (room 304)

Dr. Cynthia Bickley Green, East Carolina University, USA

When Froebel Meets Papert: Student Teachers’ Experience

of Constructivist and Constructionist Learning (room 304)

Richard Butler, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Elizabeth Oldham, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

6.30 – 7.00 Wine reception

7.00 Buffet Dinner - Froebel College Dining Hall

Friday June 30th

08.30 – 9.30 Registration (room 104)
Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

09.30 - 10.30 **Keynote: Learning by Activity and Training for ‘Sturdy Industry’: Froebelian and Similar Approaches Revisited** (Auditorium)
Professor Kevin Brehony, Froebel College, University of Roehampton, England.

10.30 - 11.00 Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)
Publisher exhibition (room 111)

Two poster presentations:

MUS-E: Implementation and findings of a European Arts Education Programme in Ireland (room 610)

Una McCabe, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Young Children’s Dispositions at Work in the Garden (room 111)

Carol McDonald and Caroline Kemp, Earlham Early Years Centre, England.

11.00 - 12.00 **Parallel Sessions:**

Session 1 **Music Workshop One: Playing with Music** (room 610)
Nico Brown, musician and educator

Session 2 Chair: Brendan Culligan, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

‘If I Had a Magic Wand I’d Magic Her Out of the Book’: The Rich Literacy Practices of Competent Early Readers (room 303)

Cathy Svensson and Fiona Collins, Roehampton University, England.

Froebel Gifts in the Post-Secondary Mathematics Classroom (room 303)

Dr. Kai Brunkalla, Walsh University, United States.

12.00 - 1.00 **Parallel Sessions:**

Session 1 **Music Workshop Two: Music and Creative Expression in the Arts** (room 610)
Ian Packham, Church of Ireland College of Education, Ireland.

Session 2 Chair: Breda O’Shea, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

An Interpretation of Froebelian Theory and Practice in Ireland in the Late Nineteenth Century (room 303)

Maura O’ Connor, St. Patrick’s College of Education, Ireland.

Integrated Activities in the Primary Music Classroom in Estonia (room 303)

Dr. Tiina Selke, Tallinn University, Estonia.

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch – Froebel College Dining Hall

2.00 – 3.00

Parallel Sessions:

Session 1 **The Development of Froebel Education in Kenya and East Africa** (room 105)
Dr. David J. Carey, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Session 2 Chair: Brian Tubbert, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Symposium on the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education (room 106)
Jacqueline Fallon, Thomas Walsh and Maresa Duignan, Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education, St. Patrick's College, Ireland.

3.00 – 4.30

Parallel Sessions:

Session 1 **Workshop: Educating Energy: From Play to Work** (room 304)
Dr. Barbara Corbett, The Froebel Education Centre, Canada.

Session 2 Chair: Sr Darine Hosey, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Froebelian Kindergartens in the Jewish Community in Palestine During the First Decades of the Twentieth Century (room 106)
Professor Dr. Ludwig Liegle, Institut für Erziehungswissenschaft, Germany.

A Day in Ireland's Froebel School (room 106)
Trudy Grafton, Principal, Alexandra Junior School, Dublin, Ireland.

The Implementation of Froebelian Principles in the Irish Primary School Curriculum (1999) (room 106)
Brian Tubbert, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

4.30 – 5.00 Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)
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5.00 – 6.00

Parallel Sessions:

Session 1 Chair: Laura Thornton, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Work and Play in Visual Art Education: Approaches by Froebel Students (room 303)
Katherine Lally, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Visible Sounds: Aesthetical Activities and Vital Competences (room 303)
Dr. Ilona Antal-Lundstrom, Mälardalens Högskola, Sweden.

Session 2 Chair: Franciska Bayless, International Froebel Society.
Symposium on Froebelian Theory and Practice (room 106)

In Praise of Dauntless Women

Dr. Kristen Nawrotzki, Froebel College Roehampton, England.

Our Hidden Historical Past (room 106)

Dr. Blythe Hinitz, The College of New Jersey, USA.

Dorothy Hewes, San Diego State University, USA.

“A changing concept of childhood? The introduction of Froebelian practices into Swedish pre-schools” (room 106)

Johannes Frederiksson, Uppsala University, Sweden.

7.30 Conference Dinner - Stillorgan Park Hotel

Saturday 1st July

09.00 - 09.30 Registration (room 104)
Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

09.30 - 10.30 **Keynote: Education of Man in the Post-Modern Society – Friedrich Froebel’s Concept of a Holistic and Sustainable Education of Young Children** (Auditorium)
Professor Dr. Neumann, Centre for Higher Education Didactics/Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany.

10.30 – 11.00 Tea and Coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

11.00 – 12.00 **Parallel Sessions:**

Session 1 Chair: Gearard O’Floinn, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Froebel’s Educational Thinking as a Systems Model (room 303)

Dr. Ulla Härkönen, University of Joensuu, Finland.

Play as a Pedagogical Tool in Early Years Education (room 303)

Dr. Nóirin Hayes, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland.

Session 2 Chair: Dr Patricia Kennon, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Froebel’s “Spielpaedagogile” and the Playfulness of Post-Modernism (room 304)

Dr. Aidan Seery, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

Problem Solving and Technology Connections: The Road to Wisdom for Adolescents (room 304)

Dr. Patricia Chrosniak, Bradley University, USA

12.00 - 12.45 **Keynote: Revisiting Warfare Within the American Kindergarten Movement: The International Kindergarten Union Reports and the Return of “Purist” Froebelianism** (Auditorium)
Dr. Barbara Beatty, Wellesley College, USA.

12.45 - 1.30 **Plenary and Closing Remarks** (Auditorium)
By Dr Peter Weston, President of the International Froebel Society
Sr. Darina Hosey, O.P., President of the Froebel College, Ireland.

1.30 - 2.30 Buffet Lunch (Froebel College Dining Hall)

Close of Conference