



## TOMORROW'S WORLD: PARENTS SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S FUTURES

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 from across Ireland.

**Date:**

Saturday, 8-June-2019

**Time:**

10:30am - 4:00pm

**Venue:**

National College of Ireland,  
Mayor Street, Dublin 1  
On the LUAS Redline

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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

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.



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### Parents' involvement in their children's education in primary school - The research

team: Joan Kiely, Leah O'Toole, Maja Haals Brosnan, Emma Zara O'Brien and Cliona O'Keeffe



This presentation by the research team from Marino Institute of Education shares the findings of a study on parental involvement, engagement and partnership in their children's education during the primary school years, conducted on behalf of NPC and funded by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA)

The presentation of findings will focus on how parents support children's learning in the home - learning environment, the importance of relationships between schools and families and the contested role of homework in extending children's learning in the home. The presentation will offer a number of key recommendations arising from the findings.

### Martin Stuart - Homework, The why and the why not, the how and the how not



Martin agrees with many children—and quite a few adults—who believe that homework is too often a waste of time.

As part of post-graduate work in DCU in 2017 he chose to examine key international research related to his question of 'How can we make homework effective for all children?' What he found revealed real problems with homework... as well as ways homework can be transformed for the better. His school has since reformed its approach to homework.

Martin works as a primary school teacher, and has taught 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> classes and now specialises in Learning Support. Prior to teaching, he worked in a range of businesses and charities in Ireland and America.

Martin's presentation will focus on practical ways parents can act to ensure that homework is most effective for children. He will inform parents of what the current literature indicates must change in how homework happens in schools and in homes. He'll talk about changes in his school that have made homework more enjoyable and less stressful—while always aiming at boosting learning. Martin hopes that you will leave being empowered to make changes either in your child's homework and/or your school's homework, changes that will benefit your child.

### Dr. Arlene Gallagher - Science outside the classroom: Home learning & Parental Support



Dr. Arlene Gallagher is an assistant professor at the School of Physics, Trinity College Dublin (TCD). She has a PhD in physics and a degree in applied physics. Parallel to her academic career, she has continuously engaged in the promotion of science through designing, delivering and evaluating education and outreach activities. She has also held ambassadorial roles, advocated for girls and women in STEM, and spoken at national and international conferences. More recently in 2014, she founded Trinity Walton Club ([www.tcd.ie/waltonclub](http://www.tcd.ie/waltonclub)), a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) educational enrichment programme for second-level students at Trinity College Dublin. To date the programme has worked with over 1500 students from across Ireland, and endeavours to facilitate a learning

experience that builds capacity across life-long skills and attributes.

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