

2017-2018 – at a Glance



President – David Ruddy

Key milestones, challenges, projects

- ❖ GDPR brings further challenge to schools in relation to all school data. IPPN responded by creating the [Data Protection Resource Bundle](#) to provide clarity and sample documents, as well as seminars at County Network meetings to brief school leaders about its key implications and obligations
- ❖ Child Protection guidelines and procedures – IPPN briefings delivered in Education Centres across the country – 1500 principals attended
- ❖ Severe weather results in school closures as Storm Ophelia and Storm Emma batter the country in October 2017 and February 2018

Continuous Professional Development

Principals' Conference 2018

Theme: Leadership Without Borders

Facilitator: Anton Savage

Venue: Citywest, Dublin

Speakers: Páirc Clerkin, INTO General Secretary Sheila Nunan, David Ruddy; Minister for Education & Skills Richard Bruton TD; CSL Director Mary Nihill; CSL Deputy Director Anna Mai Rooney; Executive Dean of DCU Dr Anne Looney; Provincial Minister for Education, Western Cape, South Africa, Debbie Schafer; Secretary General at the Ministry for Education, Western Cape, South Africa, Brian Schreuder; Joe Brolly; Damian White.

Seminars by Máire Nic an Rí of COGG; Maria Doyle; Alan Black and Shay Bannon; Simon Lewis; Mairéad O'Flynn; Catherine Carragher; Jacinta Kitt; Ann Ryan and Richie Walsh; Siobhán Allen and Claire O'Donovan; Cólín Ó Coigligh; Carmel Kearns and Phil Fox; Niall Muldoon and Nuala Ward; Kathleen Byrne and Ciara Brennan.

Deputy Principals' Conference 2017

Theme: Leadership Without Borders

Venue: Citywest

Facilitator: Damian White, IPPN Deputy President

Speakers: Páirc Clerkin; Chief Inspector Harold Hislop; David Ruddy;

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Minister for Education & Skills Richard Bruton

TD; Executive Dean of DCU, Dr Anne Looney

Seminars by Ann Ryan; Donal Kerins; Kathryn Corbett; Madeline Hickey, Sarah Barnes and Carmel Ní Laoire; Martin Whyte and Leo Kilroy.

Ciall Ceannaithe Online Summer Course

237 teachers and school leaders completed the course

Summer School Blended Summer Course for Principals and Deputy Principals

97 principals and deputy principals completed the courses, which were held in Dublin and Kerry

Press Releases

- ❖ 30th May 2018 - IPPN welcomes recent review of Special Needs Assistant Scheme
- ❖ 12th February 2018 - Media Coverage of IPPN Principals' Conference 2018
- ❖ 10th October 2017 - Budget 2018 - More teachers, less sugar, provides sweetener for Education'.

Publications

- ❖ [Leadership+ issues 100 - 104](#) now available as an ePublication
- ❖ Principal's Information Management System (PIMS) – sent in June to those schools that ordered it
- ❖ [A Guide to IPPN](#) – published in February 2018.

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Key milestones, challenges, projects

- ❖ IPPN membership reaches 94%, with two counties at 100% membership
- ❖ Revised IPPN Constitution
- ❖ The PIEW Model is developed by IPPN to help school leaders prioritise and manage workload
- ❖ Team coaching is introduced by CSL
- ❖ IPPN survey and position paper on special schools is completed
- ❖ IPPN and NAPD collaborate on a new online portal to pair available substitute teachers with schools who need a sub
- ❖ The Primary Education Forum begins to look at principals' workload and the challenges facing small schools
- ❖ IPPN works with Dr Eemer Eivers on a review of ICT in Irish primary schools
- ❖ The new SET resource allocation model is piloted
- ❖ David Ruddy exhorts the DES 'No more surprises'

Continuous Professional Development

Principals' Conference 2019

Theme: *Sustainable Leadership - Challenges & Opportunities*

Facilitator: Anton Savage

Venue: Citywest, Dublin

Speakers:

- ❖ Páirc Clerkin, IPPN CEO
- ❖ Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children
- ❖ John Horan, Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
- ❖ David Ruddy, IPPN President
- ❖ Joe McHugh TD, Minister for Education & Skills
- ❖ Adam White, CEO, AsIAM
- ❖ Patrick O'Shea, President of UCC
- ❖ Jacinta Kitt, author, lecturer
- ❖ Damian White, IPPN Deputy President.

Seminars:

Money Matters - Brian O'Doherty; Admission to Schools Act 2018 - Mairéad O'Flynn; Implementing GDPR in the school - Donal Kerins; Principalmeet 2019 - Dara Glynn; Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspections: An Overview - DES Inspectorate; Preparing the ground for a Dignity in the Workplace Policy for your school community - IPPN; Restorative Practices - Richie Walsh;

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Embedding digital technologies into teaching, learning and assessment - PDST Technology in Education; Mindfulness in Schools: Secrets to a Happy Brain - Máire Rodgers Coyle; Priorities for Teaching Principals - IPPN; A Creative School – Leading Provision in Arts Education - DES Inspectorate; The Art of Middle Leadership - CSL; From the Deserted Village to the Alt School. Where are we now? - Gerard McHugh, former director of Dublin West Education Centre

Deputy Principals' Regional Seminars Spring 2019

Based on feedback from deputy principals about the timing of their annual conference, it was decided to move the event to November 2019. To ensure that CPD was provided in the 2018/19 school year, three regional seminars were arranged in April and May 2019, as follows:

Theme: 'Shared Leadership' - How can shared leadership work to create a positive school environment for the staff to work in and the pupils to achieve their best in.

Venues: Portlaoise, Cork and Dublin

Speaker: Jacinta Kitt.

More than 125 deputy principals attended the seminars.

Ciall Ceannaithe Online Summer Course

Over 200 teachers and school leaders completed the course

Effective School Leadership Blended Summer Course

128 principals and deputy principals completed the courses, which were held in the following Education Centres: Blackrock, Clare, Cork, Mayo, Navan, Waterford

Press Releases

- ❖ Ireland's 134 Special Schools need Sustainable Action
- ❖ Schools becoming a safe haven for Ireland's 4,000 homeless children
- ❖ Nearly 70% of primary schools encountering problems as a result of smartphone / social media use outside of school
- ❖ Leadership and Management days prioritised for Teaching Principals.

Publications

- ❖ New and improved Child Protection Resource Bundle
- ❖ Submissions to the DES on obesity, exemptions from the study of Irish and the new model for allocating SET to schools
- ❖ [Leadership+ Issues 105 – 109](#)
- ❖ IPPN Wall Calendar issued in August 2019.