

Press Release

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Mrs Mary Hanafin, T.D.

Minister for Education and Science

Minister announces appointments to the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment.

Mrs Mary Hanafin, T.D Minister for Education and Science today announced the appointments to the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment for a new term of office for the 3 year period ending on 31.3. 2009. The Council is a statutory body established under the Education Act to advise the Minister on curriculum and assessment matters in early childhood, primary and post primary education.

The new members are as follows:-

Name	Nominating Body
Dr. Tom Collins, Chairperson	Minister for Education and Science's nominee
Ms. Eilis Humphreys, Deputy Chairperson	Joint Managerial Body
Ms. Catherine Byrne, Deputy Chairperson	Irish National Teachers Organisation
Ms. Antoinette Buggle	National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education
Mr. Oliver Donohoe	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Aidan Farrell	State Examinations Commission
Mr. Michael Freeley	Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland
Mr. Declan Kelleher	Irish National Teachers Organisation
Ms. Marion Lyon	National Parents Council (Post-Primary)
Mr. John MacGabhann	Teachers Union of Ireland
Ms. Doreen McMorris	Department of Education and Science
Dr. Kenneth Milne	Church of Ireland Board of Education
Ms. Mary Mullarkey	Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools
Mr. Paddy Murchan	Catholic Primary Schools Managers Association
Ms. Maria Murphy	National Parents Council (Primary)
Ms. Sheila Nunan	Irish National Teachers Organisation

Dr. Barney O Reilly	Irish Vocational Education Association
Mr.Tomás Ó Ruairc	Foras na Gaeilge
Ms. Sheila Parsons	Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland
Ms.Mary P Quinn	Minister for Education and Science's nominee
Ms. Bernie Ruane	Teachers Union of Ireland
Mr. Heino Schonfeld	Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education
Mr. Frank Turpin	Irish Business and Employers Confederation
Mr. Paul Tyrell	Joint Managerial Body
Dr. Eugene Wall	Irish Federation of University Teachers

Dr. Tom Collins is Professor of Education at the National University of Ireland Maynooth.

The Minister wished the new Council every success in their work. She said

“The work of the Council is vitally important in ensuring that the curriculum in schools maintains its relevance and quality in a changing environment, and lays the foundation for successful learning, social inclusion and competitiveness in today’s knowledge society. The period ahead will be an important time of change and development”

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