

PROGRAMME

41st Annual Conference

Literacy Association of Ireland

Cumann Litearthachta na hÉireann

**PERSPECTIVES ON LITERACY: BRINGING
VOICES TOGETHER**

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Marino Institute of Education

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Literacy Association of Ireland

ABOUT US

Background to the Association:

The International Reading Association, now International Literacy Association (ILA) was set up in 1956 in the USA to promote literacy worldwide. The Reading Association of Ireland (RAI) was established in 1975 by a group of educators interested in the broad area of reading. It became a national affiliate of the International Reading Association in 1978.

That original group comprised teachers, teacher educators, researchers, librarians and inspectors from the Department of Education. About 20 people attended this inaugural meeting and formed a committee to drive the work of this new association. Initially the RAI was focused on developing an interest in reading, supporting reading and encouraging research in the area of reading. The aims of the association were

- To stimulate and promote interest in literacy
- To organise conferences, workshops, seminars related to the development of literacy
- To help in the professional development of teachers in the areas of language and literacy
- To publish newsletters which were interesting and practical
- To disseminate knowledge helpful to the solution of literacy problems
- To research new trends in the development of literacy
- To advise parents on various aspects of the reading process
- To promote an interest in children's literature
- To make submissions on the development of language and literacy to educational bodies/conventions.

The RAI was always connected through its affiliation with ILA to international researchers, organisations and emerging international practices. It sought to inform, engage and support educationalists, researchers and any person who was interested in reading. Growing from strength to strength in addition to the association's annual conferences and seminars, RAI hosted a number of national and international events.

In April 2015 the RAI was re-launched as the Literacy Association of Ireland, affiliated now to the International Literacy Association (LAI) following approval of its membership. The LAI aims to support and inform all those concerned with the development of reading, language and literacy (including teachers, lecturers, researchers, educators and parents). It encourages reflection and dialogue, challenges practice and gives public voice to concerns.

The Literacy Association of Ireland currently has approximately 160 members, including teachers, students, teacher educators, librarians and parents, but any person interested in literacy or language development is welcome to join the association at any time. There are currently 12 members on the Executive of the Literacy Association of Ireland.

Thursday 5th October

4:00pm Registration

4:30pm Official Opening
Senator Aodhán Ó Ríordáin Walnut Room

4:50pm Launch of Conference Proceedings Walnut Room

5:00pm The LAI Children's Book Award Walnut Room

5:30pm Teachmeet Walnut Room

6:45pm Refreshments Maple Room

7:30pm Keynote Speaker
PJ Lynch
Children's Laureate, Illustrator, Author Walnut Room

Friday 6th October

8.30 – 9.15 am Registration

9.30 – 10.30 am **Plenary Session** **Room: Amharclann**

Keynote Address

Brendan Culligan, Lecturer and Author
More than 125 Years of Crushing 'Garlic'!

Chair: Máirín Wilson

10.30-11.00 TEA/COFFEE **Blasta Restaurant**

11am – 1pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1**

Concurrent Session 1A **Room: Amharclann**

11:00 - 11:40 **Katy Parkinson**, Creator of Sound Training
High Impact Strategies to Improve Literacy

11:40 - 12:20 **Ellen Reynor**, DCU Institute of Education, St. Patrick's Campus
Improving literacy outcomes for students with dyslexia-like difficulties at Post Primary level: Supporting executive skills for reading comprehension

12:20 - 1:00 **Brian Hanratty**, St. Mary's University College, Belfast
Teaching a Selection of Heaney's Troubles Poetry to Upper Post-Primary Pupils in Northern Ireland's Divided Schools: Educational Contexts and Pedagogical Opportunities

Chair: Duncan McCarthy

Concurrent Session 1B**Room: Maple**

- 11:00 - 11:40 **Annette Golden**, Cloghroe NS, Co. Cork
Developing Oral Language Confidence and Communication Skills through Digital Literacy
- 11:40 - 12:20 **Louise Heeran Flynn**, Hibernia College
'Breaking the Code' – An Investigation of the Efficacy of Drama in Education in the Development of Pupils' Oral Language Skills
- 12:20 - 1:00 **Joan Kiely**, Marino Institute of Education
Actioning the new Primary Language Curriculum: Strategies to develop decontextualized language

Chair: Helen Heneghan

Concurrent Session 1C**Room: Yeats**

- 11:00 - 11:40 **Tara Concannon Gibney**, Marino Institute of Education
Why do young children write? Exploring writing purpose amongst four to six year olds
- 11:40 - 12:20 **Anne-Sophie Selin**, Cygnaeus Elementary School, Finland
The First Six Weeks of School, Individualisation from the Start
- 12:20 - 1:00 **Dympna Daly**, Our Lady of Mercy N.S., Bantry, Co.Cork
The implementation of a literacy intervention: Station teaching in infant classes

Chair: Fiona Holmes

Concurrent Session 1D**Room: Shaw**

- 11:00 - 11:40 **Patrick Burke**, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
Literacy at the transitions, literacy in transition: The potential for disciplinary literacy in a reformed primary School Curriculum
- 11:40 - 12:20 **Megan O'Brien**, Sound Training, UK
Finding the balanced approach: A study of student's attitudes towards the process and genre approach to teaching writing
- 12:20 - 1:00 **Claudia McVicker**, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.
Plugged and Unplugged Reading

Chair: Jennifer O'Sullivan

1pm- 2pm

LUNCH

Blasta Restaurant

2pm – 4pm

CONCURRENT SESSION 2

Concurrent Session 2 A

Room: Amharclann

2:00 - 2:40 pm

Andrew Whelan, Hibernia College

The ways in which Irish Primary School Teachers construct Readers in The Digital Age

2:40 - 3:20 pm

Claire Dunne, Institiúid Oideachais Marino
Tina Hickey, Coláiste na hOllscoile, Baile Átha Cliath

Tonn and Fonn Léitheoireahta

3:20 - 4:00 pm

Brian Murphy, University College Cork

Reflecting on contemporary and future literacy policy and direction for Irish School: the National Literacy Strategy and beyond

Chair: Brendan Culligan

Concurrent Session 2 B

Room: Shaw

2:00 - 2:40 pm

Anne Burke, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

Literature as a vehicle to teach social justice

2:40 - 3:20 pm

Joanne Kiniry, Educational Research Centre, Drumcondra

Inferencing during reading comprehension

3:20 - 4:00 pm

Damien Quinn, PDST Technology in Education, Trainer

A Digital Response to the Class Novel

Chair: Gene Mehigan

Concurrent Session 2 C**Room: Yeats**

- 2:00 - 2:40 pm **Gillen Motherway**, Hibernia College
Researching Philosophy with Children in Irish Schools
- 2:40 - 3:20 pm **Rachel Linehan**, English Advisor, Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT)
Keywords as the new buzzword: Considering how we approach literacy instruction in Irish Post-Primary classrooms
- 3:20 - 4:00 pm **Niamh Fortune, Fiona Nic Fhionnlaioich, Aoife Corry, Rachel Duignan**, Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education in Maynooth University
Preparing Effective teachers of Reading – as easy as ABC

Chair: Adrian Lohan

Concurrent Session 2 D**Room: Maple****Outstanding Thesis Award – Presentations by the Finalists**

- 2:00 - 2:20 pm **Céire Devey**
- 2:20 - 2:40 pm **Caroline Rooney**
- 2:40 - 3:00 pm **Paula Fitzsimmons**
- 3:00 - 3.20 pm **Donna Dempsey**

Chair: Eithne Kennedy

4:00 pm**Announcement: LAI Thesis Award
AGM****Room: Amharclann**

Close of Conference
