

## FRIDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY: Launch

### 8pm Gilson National School

#### 'From Gilson to Google: the changing face of education in Ireland'

Dr Aidan Mulkeen, *Head, Department of Education, Maynooth*

#### 'Is Education the path to Equality?'

John Lonergan, *Former Governor Mountjoy Prison*



## SATURDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY: Seminars, Talks & The Learning Point

### Venue: Old Gilson School

#### 10-11.30am: 'Learning is a Lifetime's Work'

**Chair:** Deirdre McGivern, *AEO, Meath VEC*

**Panel:** Berni Brady, *CEO, AONTAS*; Dr Ted Fleming, *NUIM*; Liz Waters, *CEO, An Cosan, The Shanty Educational Project*

#### 2-3.30pm: 'Access & Equality & the Right to Learn'

**Chair:** Patrick Twomey, *International Human Rights Network*

**Panel:** Dr Carmel Mulcahy, *DCU*; Anna Kelly, *UCD*; Claire Conneely, *Bridge21*

#### 3.30-5pm: Creativity & Education

**Chair:** John Quinn, *Author and Broadcaster*

**Panel:** Ann Meldon-Hugh, *sculptor*; Michelle Boyle, *visual artist*; Emer Dolphin, *Training & Organisational Consultant*

### Venue: Oldcastle Library

(2-4pm)

#### THE LEARNING POINT – FREE ADMISSION

Come along and find out 'all you ever wanted to know' about a wide range of career & learning options. People from a variety of occupations will be on hand to answer questions about their field of study. There will also be **Careers Guidance** officers on hand to answer questions about educational courses, enrolment requirements etc.

### Venue: St Oliver Post Primary School

#### 11.30-1pm: 'The Digital Revolution: the move from teaching to learning'

**Chair:** Seamus Ryan, *Meath VEC*

**Panel:** Dr Leo Casey, *NCI*; Dr Brian Donovan, *TCD*; Anita Flanagan, *Google*

#### 1.00-1.30pm 'The Digital Revolution in Action'

A video-conference linking pupils from St Oliver's with the Global Development Learning Network in Washington, USA

### Venue: Gilson National School

#### 2.30pm: 'An overview of The Revised Primary Curriculum (1999)'

Gilson National School Principal Mark Carey  
Followed by a tour of the classrooms

#### FREE ADMISSION

### Venue: St Bride's Church, The Square

#### 7.45 Unveiling of Halpine Memorial

*Followed by:*

#### 'The First Myles? The life and career of Charles Graham Halpine'

**Speaker:** Myles Dungan, *The History Show, RTE*

## SUNDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY: Walks & Talks, Field Trips

Sunday is the day to get out of the classroom and to enjoy learning in a different way with our 'Walks & Talks'. It's also a chance to enjoy the sights and sounds of some of the beautiful areas around Oldcastle. The starting and return point for all these excursions is the Old Gilson School. Transport to & from Mullaghmeen, Loughcrew & Fore is included in the cost.

### Walk & Talk (€6 )

**11am - History:** Tracey Holsgrove will lead a history walk around the town of Oldcastle

**2pm - Architecture:** Conservation Architect Richard McLoughlin will lead a walk around the town of Oldcastle

### Field Trips (€10)

**11am - Botany:** Kate Flood will lead a nature walk through Mullaghmeen Forest

**2pm - Loughcrew Cairns** (5,000 year old passage tombs) & **Fore Abbey** (early Christian and medieval site) - Malachy Hand & Gerry Boylan