

International **Froebel** Society
Second Biennial Conference

Froebel: From Play To Work Taking Froebel Forward

Thursday June 29th – Saturday July 1st 2006



Hosted by
**Froebel College of Education,
Dublin, Ireland.**



Froebel: From Play To Work – Taking Froebel Forward

The conference recognises that work and play are not opposites but complementary. Active learning is unique and another step towards the enlargement and growth of the total person. A person educated and living in an atmosphere where individual discovery, first-hand experience and opportunities for creative work are valued can develop into a balanced and mature adult. Such a person is able to live in, to contribute to, and to look critically at the society of which he or she forms a part.



Keynote Speakers

Dr. Francis Douglas, University College Cork, Ireland.

Professor Kevin Brehony, Froebel College, Roehampton University, London, England.

Professor Dr. Karl Neumann, Centre for Higher Education Didactics/Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany.

Dr. Barbara Beatty, Wellesley College, Massachusetts, USA.

Conference Schedule

Thursday June 29th

2.00 - 4.00 Registration (Room 104)
Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

4.00 - 5.00 [Welcome and address](#)
Venue: Síle De Valera, TD
Auditorium Minister of State, Department of Education and Science

[Keynote](#): **“The Relevance of Friedrich Froebel to Early Years Education and Care Today”**
Dr. Francis Douglas, University College Cork, Ireland.

5.00 - 6.30 [Parallel Sessions](#):

Session 1: Chair: Liam Mac Amhlaigh, Froebel College of
Venue: Education, Ireland.
Room 303

Does Learning and Teaching Involve Risk-Taking?
Kate Adams, University of Strathclyde, Scotland.

The Importance of the Environment in Teaching Reading
Dr. Angeliki Kostopoulou and Professor David Wray,
Open University/University of Warwick, England.

Initiating Life-Long Learning Skills Among School Students Through the use of Lesson Plenary
Pinaki Chakrabarti, Astor of Hever Community School, England.

Session 2: Chair: Elizabeth Curtis, Froebel College of Education,
Venue: Ireland.
Room 304

**Outdoors in Early Childhood Education:
Reinventing Froebel's Garden Across Space and
Time in Dublin**

Margaret Kernan, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland.

Learning in Art and Froebel's Gifts

Dr. Cynthia Bickley-Green, East Carolina University, USA

**When Froebel Meets Papert: Student Teachers'
Experience of Constructivist and Constructionist
Learning**

Richard Butler, Froebel College of Education, Ireland
Elizabeth Oldham, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

6.30 – 7.00 Wine reception (Common Room)

7.00 Buffet Dinner - Froebel College Dining Hall

Friday June 30th

- 08.30 – 9.30 Registration (Room 104)
Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)
- 09.30 - 10.30 **Keynote: 'Learning by Activity and Training for Sturdy Industry': Froebelian and Similar Approaches Revisited**
Venue: Auditorium
Professor Kevin Brehony, Froebel College, University of Roehampton, England.
- 10.30 - 11.00 Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)
Publisher exhibition (Auditorium)
- Two poster presentations:
- Venue: Room 514
MUS-E: Implementation and findings of a European Arts Education Programme in Ireland
Una McCabe, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.
- Venue: Auditorium
Young Children's Dispositions at Work in the Garden
Carol McDonald and Caroline Kemp, Earlham Early Years Centre, England.
- 11.00 - 12.00 **Parallel Sessions:**
- Session 1
Venue: Room 514
Music Workshop One: Playing with Music
Nico Brown, musician and educator
- Session 2
Venue: Room 303
Chair: Brendan Culligan, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.
- 'If I Had a Magic Wand I'd Magic Her Out of the Book': The Rich Literacy Practices of Competent Early Readers**
Cathy Svensson and Fiona Collins, Roehampton University, England.

**Froebel Gifts in the Post-Secondary
Mathematics Classroom**

Dr. Kai Brunkalla, Walsh University, USA.

12.00 - 1.00

[Parallel Sessions:](#)

Session 1

Venue:
Room 610

**Music Workshop Two: Music and Creative
Expression in the Arts**

Ian Packham, Church of Ireland College of Education,
Ireland.

Session 2

Venue:
Room 303

Chair: Breda O'Shea, Froebel College of Education,
Ireland.

**An Interpretation of Froebelian Theory and
Practice in Ireland in the Late Nineteenth
Century**

Maura O' Connor, St. Patrick's College of Education, Ireland.

**Integrated Activities in the Primary Music
Classroom in Estonia**

Dr. Tiina Selke, Tallinn University, Estonia.

1.00 - 2.00

Lunch – Froebel College Dining Hall

2.00 – 3.00

[Parallel Sessions:](#)

Session 1

Venue:
Room 105

**The Development of Froebel Education in Kenya
and East Africa**

Dr. David J. Carey, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Session 2

Venue:
Room 106

Chair: Brian Tubbert, Froebel College of Education,
Ireland.

**Symposium on the National Quality Framework
for Early Childhood Education**

Jacqueline Fallon, Thomas Walsh & Maresa Duignan, Centre for
Early Childhood Development and Education, St. Patrick's College,
Ireland.

3.00 – 4.30

Parallel Sessions:

Session 1

Venue:
Room 304

Workshop: Educating Energy: From Play to Work

Dr. Barbara Corbett, The Froebel Education Centre,
Canada.

Session 2

Venue:
Room 106

Chair: Sr Darina Hosey, Froebel College of Education,
Ireland.

**Froebelian Kindergartens in the Jewish
Community in Palestine During the First
Decades of the Twentieth Century**

Professor Dr. Ludwig Liegle, Institut für Erziehungswissenschaft,
Germany.

A Day in Ireland's Froebel School

Trudie Abrahamse-Grafton,
Principal, Alexandra Junior School, Dublin, Ireland.

**The Implementation of Froebelian Principles in
the Irish Primary School Curriculum (1999)**

Brian Tubbert, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

4.30 – 5.00

Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)
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England.

5.00 – 6.00

Parallel Sessions:

Session 1
Venue:
Room 303

Chair: Laura Thornton, Froebel College of Education,
Ireland.

**Work and Play in Visual Art Education:
Approaches by Froebel Students**

Katherine Lally, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

**Visible Sounds: Aesthetical Activities and Vital
Competences**

Dr. Ilona Antal-Lundström, Mälardalens Högskola, Sweden.

Session 2
Venue:
Room 106

Chair: Franciska Bayliss, Hellenic College, London and
International Froebel Society

Symposium on Froebelian Theory and Practice

In Praise of Dauntless Women

Dr. Kristen Nawrotzki, Froebel College, Roehampton, England.

Our Hidden Historical Past

Dr. Blythe Hinitz, The College of New Jersey, USA.

**A changing concept of childhood? The
introduction of Froebelian practices into
Swedish pre-schools**

Johannes Fredriksson, Uppsala University, Sweden.

7.30

Conference Dinner - Stillorgan Park Hotel

Saturday 1st July

09.00 - 09.30 Registration (Room 104)
Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

09.30 - 10.30 **Keynote: Education of Man in the Post-Modern Society – Friedrich Froebel’s Concept of a Holistic and Sustainable Education of Young Children**
Venue: Auditorium
Professor Dr. Karl Neumann, Centre for Higher Education Didactics/Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany.

10.30 – 11.00 Tea and Coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

11.00 – 12.00 **Parallel Sessions:**

Session 1 Chair: Gearard O’Floinn, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.
Venue: Room 303

Froebel’s Educational Thinking as a Systems Model

Dr. Ulla Härkönen, University of Joensuu, Finland.

Play as a Pedagogical Tool in Early Years Education

Dr. Nóirín Hayes, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland.

Session 2 Chair: Dr Patricia Kennon, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.
Venue: Room 304

Froebel’s “Spielpaedagogicke” and the Playfulness of Post-Modernism

Dr. Aidan Seery, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

**Problem Solving and Technology Connections:
The Road to Wisdom for Adolescents**

Dr. Patricia N. Chrosniak, Bradley University, USA

- 12.00 - 12.45 **Keynote: Revisiting Warfare Within the American Kindergarten Movement: The International Kindergarten Union Reports and the Return of "Purist" Froebelianism**
Venue: Auditorium
Dr. Barbara Beatty, Wellesley College, USA.
- 12.45 - 1.30 **Plenary and Closing Remarks**
Venue: Auditorium
Dr Peter Weston, President, International Froebel Society
Sr. Darina Hosey, O.P., President, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.
- 1.30 - 2.30 Buffet Lunch (Froebel College Dining Hall)

Close of Conference

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