

Contributors to Learning from Transition Year Seminar

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Clive Byrne

First employed as a teacher of Irish and French in Mount Temple Comprehensive School, Clive Byrne then moved as Principal to Presentation Brothers College Glasthule. He was appointed to St Mary's College Rathmines before taking up his current role as Director of the National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals. Married to Patricia, who is also a school leader, they have three adult daughters. Clive was appointed as a nominee of the Minister for Education and Skills to the Council of the NCCA and is the current President of the European School Heads Association.



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Joanna Siewierska is 18 years old and Deputy President of the Irish Second-level Students'. She is a first year student of Law and Social Justice in University College Dublin. Originally from Poland, Joanna has lived in North County Dublin for almost 11 years. She is a passionate advocate for student voice, and student participation in decision making, in the Irish education system and beyond.



Professor Aidan Mulkeen

Professor Aidan Mulkeen is the Vice-President Academic/Registrar and Deputy President at Maynooth University. Aidan is the former head of the Education Department at Maynooth University, and earlier worked as senior education specialist at the World Bank and in other educational roles

Richard Burke grew up in Co Tipperary and was educated at the Christian Brothers School, Thurles, University College Dublin (UCD) and King's Inns. He worked as a teacher before being elected to Dail Eireann in 1969 representing Dublin County South. He served as Minister for Education between 1973-76, introducing Transition Year in 1974. He served as Ireland's European Commissioner from 1977 to 1980 and again between 1982 and 1984