



# THE STATE OF OUTDOOR PLAY IN IRELAND SYMPOSIUM

#### May 25th, 2019 9am - 5pm

#### Hosted by : The Department of Education, Maynooth University Venue: School of Education Building, North Campus, Maynooth University

"It shall be the first duty of the Government of the Republic to make provision for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of the children, to secure that no child shall suffer hunger or cold from lack of food, clothing, or shelter, but that all shall be provided with the means and facilities requisite for their proper education and training as Citizens of a Free and Gaelic Ireland"

The Democratic Programme of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann, 21st January, 1919.

### **Dr. Thomas Walsh**

**Education Department, Maynooth University** Coming full circle: Tracing key milestones in the early childhood education and care policy provision for young children in Ireland 1919-2019.

### Dr. Leah O'Toole

**Froebel Department, Maynooth University** A bioecological perspective on children's rights and outdoor play.

#### Sandrine Guichet, Agnès Hallet & Marie-Claire Chavaroche-Laurent

**Centres d'Entrainement aux Méthodes d'Éducation Active (CEMÉA)** International Perspectives - Observations from the Field

# **Other Speakers :**

**CAROL DUFFY** Early Childhood Ireland

DR. JACKIE BOURKE University College Dublin

CHRISTINA DUFF Dublin City University

# BE A PART OF Something Special!

Exactly a century since the first Dáil declared their commitments to 'make provisions for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of the children' we propose the creation of a manifesto of our commitments as early childhood educators and carers to children of the state for the next hundred years!

## CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH & LEARNING STORIES

Break out sessions to include up to date research in outdoor play and learning stories from Early Childhood Education and Care Services.

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE LIMITED!** Email Sinéad to book your place:

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