Research Conference 2012

Wednesday 21st November, 9.00am – 4.00pm, Hogan Suite, Croke Park Conference Centre

9.00 Registration and Tea/Coffee

Morning Session: Chair- Professor Seamus Hegarty, NCSE Council and Chairperson NCSE Research Committee

09.30 Welcome and Introduction: Ms Teresa Griffin, CEO, NCSE
09.40 Opening Remarks: Mr Ruairi Quinn, T.D., Minister for Education and Skills
10.00 Guest Speaker: Professor Petra Engelbrecht, Professor of Educational Psychology, Canterbury Christ Church University, England

*International perspectives on teacher education for inclusion: challenges and opportunities*

10.30 *International practice and policies on the continuum of educational provision for students with special educational needs: Key findings from an NCSE commissioned international review*
Jonathan Rix and Dr Kieron Sheehy, Open University UK

11.00 Panel discussion: Q & A
11.30 Coffee

11.45 Guest Speakers: Professor Neil Humphrey and Dr Garry Squires, University of Manchester

*The Impact of Achievement for All (AfA) on outcomes for pupils with Special Educational Needs in England – lessons for policy and practice*

12.15 *Measuring educational engagement, progress and outcomes among students with special educational needs: Key findings from an NCSE commissioned research study*
Dr Graeme Douglas, University of Birmingham and Dr Joe Travers, St Patrick’s College, Dublin

12.45 Panel discussion: Q&A
1.15 Lunch

Afternoon Session: Chair- Dr Anne Lodge, NCSE Research Committee and Council Member

14.15 *Special Classes in Irish Schools: Results from a Census of Primary and Post-Primary Schools [NCSE commissioned study]*
Dr Joanne Banks, Dr Selina McCoy, and Denise Frawley, Economic and Social Research Institute

14.45 *Interim Findings NCSE Commissioned Longitudinal Study: Project IRIS (Inclusive Research in Irish Schools)*
Professor Richard Rose, Centre for Special Needs Education and Research, University of Northampton and Dr Michael Shevlin, Trinity College, Dublin.

15.15 Panel discussion: Q & A
15.45 Closing Remarks and Thank You: Mr Sydney Blain, Chairperson, NCSE
16.00 Finish

*Sign Language Interpretation, lunch and documentation will be provided*