Seminar Programme
Investment in Education: Fifty Years On
Wednesday 28 November 2012
Neill/Hoey Theatre, Long Room Hub
Trinity College Dublin

Hosted by the School of Education TCD and
the Economic and Social Research Institute

Agenda

10.00am Registration (10am)

10.30am Welcome (Prof Mike Grenfell, Head of School)

10.40am Opening address – Dr. Mary Canning (former lead education
specialist, World Bank)

11am Session 1: Panel discussion

Historical Reflections on Investment in Education
(11.00-12.00)

Chair: Dr. Patrick Geoghegan, Senior Lecturer/Dean of
Undergraduate Studies

- Prof. Áine Hyland (Emeritus Professor of Education,
UCC)
- Mr. Barry Desmond (former Minister for Health and
member of Steering Committee for Investment study)
- Mr. Tony O Dálaigh (former Private Secretary to three
Ministers for Education)

12pm Coffee break (12-12.15pm)
12.15pm  **Session 2: Panel discussion**  
**Education and the Economy – contemporary education policy** (12.15-1.15)  
*Chair:* Mr. Séan Ó Foghlú (Secretary General, Department of Education and Skills)  
- Prof. Maria Slowey (Director of Higher Education Research and Development, DCU)  
- Dr. Frank Barry (Department of Economics, TCD)  
- Prof. Frances Ruane (Director, ESRI)  
- Mr. David Begg, (General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions)

1.10pm  Lunch: 1.15pm – 2pm (Light lunch)

2pm  **Session 3**  
*Chair:* Dr. Aidan Seery (School of Education)  
- Talk by Prof John Fitzgerald (Research Professor, ESRI)  
- Closing address – Mr. Ruairi Quinn TD, Minister for Education (2.30pm)

3.15pm  Close of Seminar – Dr. John Walsh & Dr. Selina McCoy

Organising committee:  
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