The CAVE research group, in collaboration with the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), hosted a one-day seminar on Wednesday 28th November to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the launch of the *Investment in Education* study (1962). The seminar was held in the Neill/Hoey lecture theatre in the Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin.

The seminar attracted a wide range of participants from the Department of Education and Skills, state agencies and Higher Education institutions, as well as a broad spectrum of stakeholders across the educational sector, with about 80 people attending the event. The seminar combined an exploration of oral history in an educational setting with a critical discussion of contemporary education policy.

The Minister for State with responsibility for Research and Innovation, Mr. Séan Sherlock TD, gave the closing address of the seminar.

The event was organised by Dr. John Walsh (TCD), Dr. Selina McCoy (ESRI) and Dr. Andrew Loxley (TCD).

Prof. Mike Grenfell, Head of the School of Education, gave the opening address for the seminar.

The contributors included Prof. Áine Hyland (Emeritus Professor of Education, UCC), Prof. John Fitzgerald (Research Professor, ESRI), Prof. Frances Ruane (Director, ESRI) and Prof. Maria Slowey (Director, Higher Education Research and Development, DCU). Several participants in the *Investment* study itself or within the Department of Education during the 1960s contributed their recollections to the proceedings. The keynote address was given by Dr. Mary Canning, former lead education specialist with the World Bank.

The organisers would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the event. We particularly wish to record our appreciation to participants in the study itself or the events which led up to the project, who contributed their recollections to the seminar.