

**“Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child”**

Friday 31 May 2019

Ulster University, Magee Campus, Derry-Londonderry

9:30am to 4:30pm



“Early Childhood Education in the interest of children, parents and communities”

by Prof. Dr. Michel Vandebroek, Ghent University, Brussels www.ugent.be

Michel Vandebroek is a professor in family pedagogy and head of the department of Social Work and Social Pedagogy at Ghent University, Belgium. His research focuses on early childhood and parent support, with a special interest for in- and exclusion in contexts of diversity. Together with Liselott Olsson, he is coordinating editor of the book series “Contesting Early Childhood” (Routledge), where he recently published a book on constructions of neuroscience in early childhood education. For his critical work, relating pedagogy and policy in ECEC, he was rewarded with an honorary doctorate at Tampere University.



“30 years of the UNCRC – what is the current state of play for young children”

by Dr Siobhán Fitzpatrick CBE, CEO of Early Years www.early-years.org

Dr Siobhán Fitzpatrick CBE, has led Early Years – the organisation for young children since 1989, having worked previously for Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland. The organisation supports 40,000 children and families and provides support, training and quality assurance for 12,000 staff in the early years sector across Northern Ireland. Siobhán has written extensively on issues of inclusion and peace building and has spoken at many local, national and international conferences on the subject. Publications include ‘From Conflict to Peace Building’, ‘The Power of Early Childhood Services’, ‘Education and Social Change, the International Journal of Early Education’.



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This conference will be valuable to anyone who works within the early years sector including local and national government officers, early years specialists, managers and practitioners, SureStart Coordinators and staff, nursery and childcare providers, management committee members, health professionals, education and social services staff, childcare students and community partnerships.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- ◆ Learn from professionals and key experts
- ◆ Refresh and enhance your knowledge
- ◆ Network with others
- ◆ Pick up educational resources
- ◆ Hear and learn practical take home messages
- ◆ Take part in relevant discussions and debates
- ◆ Learn about new products and services
- ◆ Enhance your continuing professional development

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9:30am to 11:00am	<p>Keynote Address by Prof. Dr. Michel Vandebroec <i>“Early childhood education in the interest of children, parents and communities”</i></p> <p>Keynote Address by Dr Siobhán Fitzpatrick CBE, CEO of Early Years <i>“30 years of the UNCRC – what is the current state of play for young children”</i></p>
11:30am to 1:15pm	<p>Workshop Session 1(choice of one)</p> <p>Healthy Bodies: Healthy Minds – Education and Training Inspectorate Understanding the Disability Journey whilst practicing Inclusion Building your SEN File The Reggio Emilia Approach – creating a learning environment Promoting Good Relations Emotional Intelligence Part One</p>
2:30pm to 4:15pm	<p>Workshop Session 2 (choice of one)</p> <p>Supporting Executive Function in Preschool Children’s Play Children’s Rights in a Digital Environment A Richer Understanding of Article 31 – the child’s right to play A Child Rights Approach to Working with Young Children Building Inclusive Environments Emotional Intelligence Part Two</p>

	Member		Non Member	
	Early Bird	Normal Rate	Early Bird	Normal Rate
CONFERENCE PACKAGE (includes keynote address, two workshops, exhibitions, lunch and refreshments)	£ 72*	£ 90*	£128*	£160*

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