Froebel: From Play To Work
Taking Froebel Forward

Thursday June 29th – Saturday July 1st 2006

Hosted by
Froebel College of Education,
Dublin, Ireland.
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The conference recognises that work and play are not opposites but complementary. Active learning is unique and another step towards the enlargement and growth of the total person. A person educated and living in an atmosphere where individual discovery, first-hand experience and opportunities for creative work are valued can develop into a balanced and mature adult. Such a person is able to live in, to contribute to, and to look critically at the society of which he or she forms a part.

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Francis Douglas, University College Cork, Ireland.

Professor Kevin Brehony, Froebel College, Roehampton University, London, England.

Professor Dr. Karl Neumann, Centre for Higher Education Didactics/Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany.

Dr. Barbara Beatty, Wellesley College, Massachusetts, USA.
Conference Schedule

Thursday June 29th

2.00 - 4.00  Registration (Room 104)  
Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)  

4.00 - 5.00  Welcome and address  
Venue:  Síle De Valera, TD  
Auditorium  Minister of State, Department of Education and Science  

Keynote:  “The Relevance of Friedrich Froebel to Early Years Education and Care Today”  
Dr. Francis Douglas, University College Cork, Ireland.

5.00 - 6.30  Parallel Sessions:

Session 1:  Chair: Liam Mac Amhlaigh, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.  
Venue:  Room 303  

Does Learning and Teaching Involve Risk-Taking?  
Kate Adams, University of Strathclyde, Scotland.

The Importance of the Environment in Teaching Reading  
Dr. Angeliki Kostopoulou and Professor David Wray, Open University/University of Warwick, England.

Initiating Life-Long Learning Skills Among School Students Through the use of Lesson Plenary  
Session 2: Chair: Elizabeth Curtis, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.
Venue: Room 304

Outdoors in Early Childhood Education: Reinventing Froebel’s Garden Across Space and Time in Dublin
Margaret Kernan, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland.

Learning in Art and Froebel’s Gifts
Dr. Cynthia Bickley-Green, East Carolina University, USA

When Froebel Meets Papert: Student Teachers’ Experience of Constructivist and Constructionist Learning
Richard Butler, Froebel College of Education, Ireland
Elizabeth Oldham, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

6.30 – 7.00 Wine reception (Common Room)
7.00 Buffet Dinner - Froebel College Dining Hall
Friday  June 30th

08.30 – 9.30  Registration (Room 104)
Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

09.30 - 10.30  **Keynote: ‘Learning by Activity and Training for Sturdy Industry’: Froebelian and Similar Approaches Revisited**
Venue: Auditorium
Professor Kevin Brehony, Froebel College, University of Roehampton, England.

10.30 - 11.00  Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)
Publisher exhibition (Auditorium)

Two poster presentations:

- **MUS-E: Implementation and findings of a European Arts Education Programme in Ireland**
  Una McCabe, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

- **Young Children’s Dispositions at Work in the Garden**
  Carol McDonald and Caroline Kemp, Earlham Early Years Centre, England.

11.00 - 12.00  **Parallel Sessions:**

**Session 1**
Venue: Room 514
**Music Workshop One: Playing with Music**
Nico Brown, musician and educator

**Session 2**
Venue: Room 303
Chair: Brendan Culligan, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

*‘If I Had a Magic Wand I’d Magic Her Out of the Book’: The Rich Literacy Practices of Competent Early Readers*
Cathy Svensson and Fiona Collins, Roehampton University, England.
Froebel Gifts in the Post-Secondary Mathematics Classroom
Dr. Kai Brunkalla, Walsh University, USA.

12.00 - 1.00 Parallel Sessions:

Session 1
Venue: Room 610
Music Workshop Two: Music and Creative Expression in the Arts
Jan Packham, Church of Ireland College of Education, Ireland.

Session 2
Venue: Room 303
Chair: Breda O’Shea, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.
An Interpretation of Froebelian Theory and Practice in Ireland in the Late Nineteenth Century
Maura O’Connor, St. Patrick’s College of Education, Ireland.

Integrated Activities in the Primary Music Classroom in Estonia
Dr. Tiina Selke, Tallinn University, Estonia.

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch – Froebel College Dining Hall

2.00 – 3.00 Parallel Sessions:

Session 1
Venue: Room 105
The Development of Froebel Education in Kenya and East Africa
Dr. David J. Carey, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

Session 2
Venue: Room 106
Chair: Brian Tubbert, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.
Symposium on the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education
Jacqueline Fallon, Thomas Walsh & Maresa Duignan, Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education, St. Patrick’s College, Ireland.
3.00 – 4.30  Parallel Sessions:

Session 1  Workshop: Educating Energy: From Play to Work
Venue: Room 304
Dr. Barbara Corbett, The Froebel Education Centre, Canada.

Session 2  Chair: Sr Darina Hosey, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.
Venue: Room 106
Froebelian Kindergartens in the Jewish Community in Palestine During the First Decades of the Twentieth Century
Professor Dr. Ludwig Liegle, Institut für Erziehungswissenschaft, Germany.

A Day in Ireland’s Froebel School
Trudie Abrahamse-Grafton, Principal, Alexandra Junior School, Dublin, Ireland.

The Implementation of Froebelian Principles in the Irish Primary School Curriculum (1999)
Brian Tubbert, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

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5.00 – 6.00  **Parallel Sessions:**

**Session 1**  
Venue: Room 303  
Chair: Laura Thornton, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

*Work and Play in Visual Art Education: Approaches by Froebel Students*  
Katherine Lally, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

*Visible Sounds: Aesthetical Activities and Vital Competences*  
Dr. Ilona Antal-Lundström, Mälardalens Högskola, Sweden.

**Session 2**  
Venue: Room 106  

*Symposium on Froebelian Theory and Practice*

*In Praise of Dauntless Women*  
Dr. Kristen Nawrotzki, Froebel College, Roehampton, England.

*Our Hidden Historical Past*  
Dr. Blythe Hinitz, The College of New Jersey, USA.

*A changing concept of childhood? The introduction of Froebelian practices into Swedish pre-schools*  
Johannes Fredriksson, Uppsala University, Sweden.

7.30  **Conference Dinner - Stillorgan Park Hotel**
Saturday 1st July

09.00 - 09.30 Registration (Room 104)  
Tea and coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

09.30 - 10.30 Keynote: Education of Man in the Post-Modern Society – Friedrich Froebel’s Concept of a Holistic and Sustainable Education of Young Children  
Venue: Auditorium  
Professor Dr. Karl Neumann, Centre for Higher Education Didactics/Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany.

10.30 – 11.00 Tea and Coffee (Froebel College Dining Hall)

11.00 – 12.00 Parallel Sessions:

Session 1  
Chair: Gearard O’Floinn, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.  
Room 303  
Froebel’s Educational Thinking as a Systems Model  
Dr. Ulla Härkönen, University of Joensuu, Finland.  
Play as a Pedagogical Tool in Early Years Education  
Dr. Nóirín Hayes, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland.

Session 2  
Chair: Dr Patricia Kennon, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.  
Room 304  
Froebel’s “Spielpaedagogicke“ and the Playfulness of Post-Modernism  
Dr. Aidan Seery, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.
Problem Solving and Technology Connections: The Road to Wisdom for Adolescents
Dr. Patricia N. Chrosniak, Bradley University, USA

12.00 - 12.45
Keynote: Revisiting Warfare Within the American Kindergarten Movement: The International Kindergarten Union Reports and the Return of “Purist” Froebelianism
Dr. Barbara Beatty, Wellesley College, USA.

12.45 - 1.30
Plenary and Closing Remarks
Venue: Auditorium
Dr Peter Weston, President, International Froebel Society
Sr. Darina Hosey, O.P., President, Froebel College of Education, Ireland.

1.30 - 2.30 Buffet Lunch (Froebel College Dining Hall)
Close of Conference
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