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**Leading Excellence in Inclusive Practices  
in Community & Comprehensive Schools**  
Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath  
28<sup>th</sup> of February 2024

## Agenda

- 9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Registration, tea/coffee
- 10.00 a.m. – 10.10 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**  
Speaker: James Duignan, President, ACCS
- 10.10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. **Special Education Section, Department of Education**  
Chair: John Irwin, General Secretary, ACCS  
Speakers: Martina Mannion, Assistant Secretary General, DE and  
Colleagues from the Special Education Section, DE
- 11.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon Break for tea/coffee
- 12.00 noon – 1.15 p.m. **National Council for Special Education**  
Chair: Antoinette Nic Gearailt, Chairperson,  
ACCS SEN Sub-Committee.  
Speakers: John Kearney, CEO, Helen Walsh, Head of Operations –  
Education Services and NCSE Advisors.
- 1.15 p.m. – 2.15 p.m. Lunch
- 2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops:**
- 1. C & C Schools Leading Excellence in Whole School Collaborative Planning**  
East Glendalough School and Ardee Community School  
*Topics will include: the 3–5-Year Plan: moving from withdrawal to co-teaching; timetabling SEN support including co-teaching; accountability for use of allocation; collaboration between SENCO and SLT.*
  - 2. Navigating Transitions Beyond School: Further Education Options for Students with SEN**  
Catherine O’Sullivan, Director of the ACCS/JMB Further Education Support Unit.
  - 3. Special Classes in C&C Schools**  
Kinsale Community School and Holy Child Community School  
*Topics will include timetabling, curriculum choices & options, and inclusion in school communities and school life.*
- 3.15 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. **Concluding Remarks & Close of Conference**  
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