



Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools
Cumann na Scoileanna Pobail agus Cuimsitheacha

“Leadership Unplugged”

30th November & 1st December 2023

Venue: Farnham Estate Spa & Golf Resort, Farnham Estate, Cavan

Agenda “Leadership Unplugged”
Thursday, 30th November 2023.

- 12.00 noon – 1.15 p.m. Buffet Lunch – Maxwells Grill Room & The Cedar Rooms
- 12.45 p.m. Registration/Exhibition Viewing
- 1.30 p.m. **Welcome/Overview**
James Duignan, President, ACCS
Location: Redwood Suite
- 1.40 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. **Plenary Session: “The Teacher of 2030: Future Proofing Education for the Digital World”**
Chairpersons: James Duignan, President, ACCS and John Irwin, General Secretary, ACCS
Speaker: Lord David Puttnam, Chair of Atticus Education (2012)
Location: Redwood Suite
- 2.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. **Regional Meetings: Issues and Elections. Chair:** Chairperson of the Region
Dublin: Redwood Suite 1 **Leinster:** Redwood Suite 2
Munster: Redwood Suite 3 **Connacht:** Hazel Suite
Ulster: Aspen Suite 2
- 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops:**
1. **Title:** “Social Media, Selfies and Screen Time: Supporting Teens Online – Resources and Strategies for Schools”
Chairperson: Paul Thornton, Chairperson, ACCS Information Technology Sub-Committee
Speaker: Jane McGarrigle, Project Officer, Webwise
Location: Redwood Suite 3
 2. **Title:** “Creating Phone-Free Schools with Yondr Lockable Pouches: Product Demonstration and Yondr School Case Study”
Chairperson: Denis Ring, Principal, Blackwater Community School
Speakers: Sarah Leader, Education Partnerships Lead, Yondr Ireland and Maria O’Brien, Deputy Principal, Blackwater Community School
Location: Hazel Suite
 3. **Title:** “IPPN - teacher recruitment – a look at www.educationposts.ie”
Chairperson: Anne Smyth, Deputy Principal, St. Wolstan’s Community School
Speakers: Maeve O’Mahony, Technical Lead, IPPN, Brian O’Doherty, Sustainable Leadership Lead, IPPN and Anne Marie Dillon, Director of H.R., ACCS
Location: Redwood Suite 1
- 4.00 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. Break/Exhibition Viewing
- 4.20 p.m. – 4.40 p.m. **A Meeting of Chairpersons from the Regional Meetings and Rapporteurs**
Recording and co-ordinating of issues arising for discussion at open forum on Friday.
Location: The Oak Room
- 4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. **Health & Wellbeing Activities:**
Guided Walk or Run on the grounds of Farnham Estate facilitated by Dr. Howard Welch, Principal, The Royal & Prior Comprehensive and John McKennedy, Principal, St. Colmcille’s Community School
- 7.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. **Drinks Reception sponsored by**



8.00 p.m. **Gala Dinner – Redwood Suite**

10.00 p.m. **Presentations to recently retired colleagues**

Friday, 1st December, 2023.

9.30 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.

Plenary Session: Current Issues & School Governance

Chair: Denis Ring, Principal, Blackwater Community School

Speakers: John Irwin, General Secretary, ACCS & Áine O’Sullivan, Assistant General Secretary, ACCS

Location: Redwood Suite

10.15 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

Panel Discussion: “Looking Back and Looking Forward”

Chair: Áine O’Sullivan, Assistant General Secretary, ACCS

Panel: Professor Tom Collins, Dr. Eilis Humphreys, CEO APTCS & Antoinette Nic Gearailt, ACCS Executive

Location: Redwood Suite

11.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

Break/Exhibition Viewing

11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Plenary Session: “Reflective Leadership for Powering On and Off”

Chair: Margaret O’Connor, Principal, Loreto Community School

Speaker: Jacinta Kitt, Author, Lecturer, Consultant & Public Speaker

Location: Redwood Suite

12.30 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.

Evaluation and Closure

Chair: John Irwin, General Secretary, ACCS

Speaker: James Duignan, President ACCS

Location: Redwood Suite

Celebrating the following Principals and Deputy Principals who retired from active service during the year 2022/2023.	
Dublin Region	
Pobalscoil Neasáin	Pat McKenna
Leinster Region	
Athboy C.S.	Anthony Leavy
Gorey C.S.	Stella Kehoe
Heywood C.S.	Phil Bowe
Scoil Mhuire, Clane	Padraig Nolan
St. Kilian’s C.S.	Leah Bools
Tullow C.S.	Alice Ashe
Munster Region	
Ashton Comprehensive	Anne Marie Hewison
St. Caimin’s C.S.	Alan Cunningham
Ulster Region	
St. Aidan’s Comprehensive Cootehill	Marianne Smith