



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

## **“Leadership Unplugged”**

**30<sup>th</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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

**DRAFT Agenda “Leadership Unplugged”****Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Cornmarket “Plan for your Future Retirement”:** Aspen Suite 1
- 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops:**
1. **Title:** “Webwise, the Irish Internet Safety Awareness Centre”  
**Chairperson:** Paul Thornton, Chairperson, ACCS Information Technology Sub-Committee  
**Speaker:** Jane McGarrigle, Project Officer, Webwise  
**Location:** Redwood Suite 3
  2. **Title:** “Tik Tok - Looking at the Practicalities in a School Context”  
**Chairpersons:** Kieran Golden, Principal, Mayfield Community School & Hilary Treacy, ACCS Data Protection & Education Legal Advisor  
**Speaker:** Sarah Parle, Outreach & Partnerships Manager, Trust & Safety, Tik Tok  
**Location:** Aspen Suite
  3. **Title:** “Yondr - Mobile Phone Management System for Schools”  
**Chairperson:** Denis Ring, Principal, Blackwater Community School  
**Speakers:** Sara Leader, Yondr and Maria O’Brien, Deputy Principal, Blackwater Community School  
**Location:** Hazel Suite
  4. **Title:** “IPPN - teacher recruitment – a look at [www.educationposts.ie](http://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, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.**

9.15 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

**Plenary Session: Current Issues**

**Chair:** Denis Ring, Principal, Blackwater Community School

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

**Location:** Redwood Suite

10.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

**Plenary Session: “School Governance and the role of the Trustees”**

**Chair:** Des Cullen, Principal, Moyne Community School

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

**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”**

**Chairperson:** 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.	
<b>Dublin Region</b>	
Old Bawn C.S.	Jennifer Gray
Pobalscoil Neasáin	Pat McKenna
<b>Leinster Region</b>	
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
<b>Munster Region</b>	
Ashton Comprehensive	Anne Marie Hewison
St. Caimin’s C.S.	Alan Cunningham
<b>Ulster Region</b>	
St. Aidan’s Comprehensive Cootehill	Marianne Smith