

**Philosophy and the Irish School**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
**School of Philosophy, University College Dublin**  
**Newman House, St Stephen's Green**

**9.45-10.00 Introduction**

**10.00-12.00 Perspectives on Philosophy in the Curriculum**

- Prof. Brian O'Connor, School of Philosophy, UCD
- Annette Honan, Education Officer, National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA)
- Sean McIlroy, Chair of Board of Examiners for Religious Studies Curriculum, Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (NICCEA), and Former Head of Religious Studies and Philosophy at Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry, NI
- Dr. Philomena Donnelly, Former Director of the Graduate Diploma in Education, St Patricks College, Drumcondra, Dublin City University
- Prof. Keith Topping, Professor Emeritus of Education and Social Research at Dundee University

**12.00-1.00 Lunch** (own arrangements)

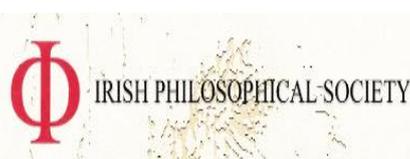
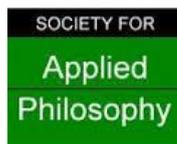
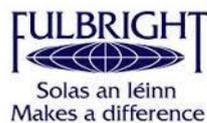
**1.00-3.00 Philosophy for Children Demonstration**

Marelle Rice, Head of Religious studies at Northwood College for Girls, London, SAPERE Philosophy for Children trainer, and Director of 'The Thinker's Midwife'.

**3.00-3.30 Coffee Break**

**3.30-5.00 Roundtable on the Future of Philosophy in Irish Schools**

- Majella O'Shea, Deputy Chief Executive, NCCA
- Joe Humphreys, Education Correspondent, *The Irish Times*, Author
- Dr William Crawley, BBC Journalist and Broadcaster, and PhD in Philosophy [TBC]
- Sabina Higgins [TBC]
- TBC



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