



An Chomhairle Náisiúnta  
um Oideachas Speisialta  
National Council  
for Special Education

## NCSE Annual Research Conference 2024

**Conference theme: 'The Progressive Realisation of an Inclusive Education System in Ireland: The new NCSE and Vision 2026'**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 09.40 – 16.00**  
**The Gibson Hotel, Point Village, Dublin 1.**

### Times

- 08.30**            **Registration and Tea/Coffee**
- 09.40            Welcome & Conference Address: Fergal Lynch, NCSE Council Chairperson
- 09.50            **Session 1**  
Chair: Peter Archer, NCSE Research Committee Chairperson
- 09.55            *Prof Lani Florian, Bell Chair of Education Emerita, University of Edinburgh*  
Empowering Teachers to Promote Inclusive and Equitable Education
- 10.35            Q&A
- 10.45            *Prof Deborah Robinson, Head of the Strathclyde Institute of Education, University of Strathclyde and Dr Lisha O'Sullivan, Head of the Department of Reflective Pedagogy and Early Childhood Studies, Mary Immaculate College*  
Findings from independent NCSE-commissioned research investigating the impact of the NCSEs frontline services, from the perspective of students, parents/carers and school communities
- 11.25            Q&A
- 11.35**            **Tea/Coffee**
- 12.10            *John Kearney, Chief Executive Officer, NCSE*  
The new NCSE - Our expansion and Vision 2026 for a world class inclusive education system for Ireland
- 12.50            Q&A
- 13.00**            **Lunch**

- 14.15**      **Session 2**  
Chair: Dr Yvonne Kennedy, NCSE Research Committee member
- 14.20      *Dr Lucie Cerna, Senior Analyst in Equity, Inclusion and Transitions, OECD*  
OECD Review of Inclusive Education in Portugal: Strengths, Challenges and Lessons Learned
- 15.00      Q&A
- 15.10      NCSE Practice-Based Research Pilot Programme - Panel Discussion  
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*Éilis Dillon, Principal, St Cecilia's Special School, Sligo*
- 15.50      Q&A
- 16.00**      **Thank you and conference close**

***Sign Language Interpretation and lunch will be provided***