

The RNID – An Evolving Profession

PROGRAMME

Live streaming begins at 17:30

17:00 - 17:30 Registration and Refreshments

17:35 - 17:55 **Welcoming and opening of NMBI Summer Series**

Dr Amanda McCloat, President of College

Essene Cassidy, President of NMBI

Video message from **Rachel Kenna**, Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health

17:55 - 18:00 **NMBI demographics**

Carolyn Donohoe, Director of Education, Policy and Standards NMBI

18:00 - 18:10 **Strategic directions**

Dr Evelyn McManus, Acting Head, School of Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies, St Angela's College

18:10 - 18:50 **Panel discussion**

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Chaired by **Seamus Dolan**, Lecturer, School of Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies, St Angela's College

Panelists

Carmel Jennings, Lecturer, School of Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies, St Angela's College

Susan Carton, Lecturer, School of Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies, St Angela's College

Judy Ryan, Director, NMPDU, HSE Kilkenny

Sarah Barrett, final year student BNSc Intellectual Disability

Carol Doherty, Clinical Nurse Manager 3 with HSE Disability Services Sligo/Leitrim

Tomás Murphy, Self-Advocate

Margaret Turley, Self-Advocate

18:50 - 19:10 **Leadership interview**

Professor Ruth Northway, Faculty of Life Sciences and Education University of South Wales

19:10 - 19:30 **Questions and answers session**

19:30 - 19:35 **Future directions**

Sheila McClelland, CEO of NMBI

19:35 - 19:45 **Closing remarks**

Minister Frank Feighan, Minister of State for Public Health, Wellbeing & the National Drugs Strategy

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SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

Susan Carton

Susan Carton is a lecturer within the School of Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies, St Angela's College. She is a graduate of the South Lothian College of Nursing and Midwifery (now Napier University) in Edinburgh. She completed a BA in Health Administration in the Institute of Public Administration in Dublin and a Master of Science in Intellectual Disability Studies from the University of Birmingham. Susan has been running the Disability Studies Programme in St Angela's College since 2011.

Carmel Jennings

Carmel Jennings is a lecturer within the School of Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies, St Angela's College since 2002. She is an RNID as well as a behaviour therapist. She completed a PG Cert in Education in University of Wales College of Cardiff and an MA in Health Education in University of Wales, Newport. Carmel has experienced and taken an active role in the many changes that occurred in undergraduate education from certificate to diploma and to degree over the years and is currently the programme director for the BNSc ID.

Sarah Barrett

Sarah Barrett is 22 years old and originally from Laois. She is a final year student in St Angela's College studying on the four year BNSc ID. Studying on the BNSc ID has always been a dream of hers and attending St Angela's College has supported her in making this become a reality. She is passionate about supporting the intellectual disability sector and about her future role as an RNID. It has been a rewarding experience for her to be involved in supporting individuals moving on from congregated settings to become immersed in community life.

Carol Doherty

Carol Doherty is a Clinical Nurse Manager 3 with HSE Disability Services Sligo/Leitrim. She is a graduate of St Angela's College Sligo/Cregg House School of Nursing. She is a RNID, who has worked in the Disability sector for 18 years. She has also completed a Master of Health Sciences. Prior to commencing in her current role she worked as a Clinical Placement Co-ordinator, and prior to this undertook the role of CNM2/PIC for over 10 years. Her current role focuses on providing professional/clinical leadership and Quality assurance and improvement.

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Seamus Dolan

Seamus Dolan is a lecturer in the School of Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies, St Angela's College. He is registered as an RNID and RNT. He completed his BNS (Hons) and MHSc (Hons) in the National University of Ireland, Galway. He graduated with a PG Cert in Health Economics from the University of Aberdeen. He is Course Co-ordinator for the MHSc (International Healthcare Management) presented by the Department of Nursing, Health Sciences and Disability Studies, St Angela's College.

Tomás Murphy

Tomás Murphy is a graduate of the Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities where he completed a Certificate in Contemporary Living. He has represented the National Institute for Intellectual Disability (now the Trinity Centre) at a conference in the United States. Completing a Certificate in Research by Apprenticeship from Inclusion Ireland, he has researched and co-authored a number of reports. Tomás works two days a week in a law firm, A&L Goodbody. He serves on the board of Inclusion Ireland.

Margaret Turley

Margaret Turley is a graduate of the Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities where she completed the Certificate in Contemporary Living. Margaret has spoken at many conferences. She works at Ernst & Young and, having completed a Certificate in Research by Apprenticeship from Inclusion Ireland, has researched and co-authored a number of reports.

Essene Cassidy

Essene Cassidy was first elected to the Board of NMBI as a representative from Public Health Nursing in October 2012 and was re-elected unopposed in 2017. In January 2016 she was elected by the Board as President of NMBI.

Essene has extensive experience working in a variety of roles and functions across a number of acute and community settings, from immunisations, disability, area public health nursing, schools nursing teams and early year's inspectorate.

As Director of Public Health Nursing from 2017 to 2020, Essene led a team of 160 nurses, midwives and care staff responsible for providing health services across the Dublin North West region of Community Health Organisation 9 (CHO), known as Dublin North City and County (DNCC). She is currently Head of Older Persons Services in the same area, responsible for the roll-out of ECC. Essene is also the nursing representative on the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC).

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Sheila McClelland

Sheila McClelland is the CEO of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI), the independent, statutory organisation which regulates the nursing and midwifery professions in Ireland. NMBI works with nurses and midwives, the public and key stakeholders to enhance patient safety and patient care and protect the integrity of the professions.

Ms McClelland joined NMBI as interim CEO in June 2019 and has driven a new digitisation and reform agenda in the organisation including the introduction of online annual renewal of registration for approximately 80,000 nurses and midwives. She was appointed permanent CEO in January this year.

The Co Down native has had a long career in public service prior to joining NMBI and has held a number of senior positions including as CEO at Carrickfergus Borough Council in Co Antrim. She continues to serve on the Board of Cooperation Ireland, is a member of the Board of the Community Relations Council and is Chair of the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

Carolyn Donohoe

Carolyn Donohoe is the NMBI Director of Education, Policy and Standards, having joined the organisation in 2021.

She has more than 20 years' experience in multiple nursing roles including Clinical Facilitator and CNM3 in Critical Care, Nursing Practice Development Coordinator and Directorate Nurse Manager for Perioperative Services in St Vincent's University Hospital Dublin.

A keen advocate of continuous education, her post graduate qualifications include a Higher Diploma in Critical Care Nursing, a Masters in Nursing Education, and she has completed Stage 1 of her PhD. More recently her studies have focused on Strategy, Innovation and Change.

Since joining NMBI she has provided balance for the remit of clinical and academic site inspectors and had led change in updating a number of important guidance documents including the Nurse Registration Programmes Standards and Requirements', the 'Policy on Approval and Monitoring of Nursing and Midwifery Programmes' and the 'Return to Nursing Practice Programme Standards and Requirements'. She leads a dynamic team of Professional Officers and Education Department officers. As a team they strive to ensure that as standards and guidance materials are updated and projects completed, the outputs provide a clear road map for safe effective practice, for the benefit of both the public and the profession.
