



CENTRE FOR SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION POLICY SEMINAR SERIES SEMINAR III

“CONSIDERING STRATEGIC ECEC POLICY APPROACHES”

**18th November 2008, Room G6, School of Social Sciences & Legal Studies,
Dublin Institute of Technology – 40/45 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1**

This seminar is the third in a series of seminars arising from the CSER/IRCHSS project ‘Early Childhood Care and Education: Towards a Rights Based Policy Approach in Ireland’, addressing issues of early childhood policy and children’s rights. Seminar III considers how effective policy approaches have been in addressing children’s rights in New Zealand and the role of social partnership in shaping ECEC policy in Ireland. Professor Helen May, University of Otago will provide an overview of the promises, progress and problems concerning the implementation of New Zealand’s Early Childhood Strategic Plan 2002-2012 and Dr Rory O’Donnell, NESC/NESDO will speak about childcare and early education as a social partnership policy issue in Ireland.

The CSER seminar series aims to provide a platform to generate debate, reflect on key issues and advance collaboration amongst academics, practitioners, researchers and policy makers in the field of ECCE. Your contribution to this series is most welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Seminar Programme

- 1:30 – 2:00: Registration
- 2:00 – 2:15: Opening Address
Dr. Noirin Hayes, Director, CSER
- 2:15 – 3:15: ‘Strategic Directions in New Zealand early childhood policy: Becoming almost free and fully teacher led’
Professor Helen May, Dean and Professor of Education, University of Otago College of Education, New Zealand
- 3:15 – 3:45: ‘Childcare in Social Partnership: Analysis, Bargaining, Rights and Piecemeal Sectoral Development’
Dr. Rory O’Donnell, Director, National Economic and Social Council (NESC) and Chief Officer, National Economic and Social Development Office (NESDO)
- 3:45 – 4:15: Discussion
- 4:15: Reception

Please RSVP by 24 October 2008 to cser@dit.ie or 01-402 4176. Places are limited!