



**10TH ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE
(AEC-NET)
Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland
7 – 11 November 2011**

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2011

- am / pm - Arrival of Participants
- Transfer to Hotel by bus
(Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth)
- 10:00 - 16:00 - Registration of Participants
- Venue : Conference Centre Lobby
- 16:00 - 17:30 - Co-ordinating Meeting of Co-Chairs of the 10th Asia-Europe Classroom Conference and Working Group Co-ordinators
- Venue : Meeting Room 2 (Floor 1)
- Chair : Dr Sven Hadenfeldt, Technical Advisor and Member of the AEC-NET Co-ordinating Committee
- 19:00 - 21:00 - **WELCOME DINNER FOR THE 10TH ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM (AEC-NET) CONFERENCE**
- Attire : Lounge Suit / Cocktail Dress
National Costume
- Venue : Hamilton Suite, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- 18:30 - Arrival of Participants
- 18:45 - Arrival of the Guest-of-Honour
Mr Ruairí Quinn, TD
Minister for Education and Skills
Department of Education and Skills
- Group photo with the Minister before dinner
- 19:00 – 19:05 - Remarks by
Dr Pádraig Kirk
Chief Executive Officer
Co. Louth Vocational Education Committee

- 19:05 – 19:15 Remarks by
Mr Zhang Hongtie
Director, People-to-People Exchange
Asia-Europe Foundation
- 19:15 – 19:35 - Welcome Remarks by
Mr Ruairí Quinn, TD
Minister for Education and Skills
Department of Education and Skills
- 19:35 – 21:00 - Dinner
- 21:00 - Musical Entertainment by
Fr McNally Chamber Orchestra

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2011

07:00 – 08:30 - Breakfast

Venue : Fahrenheit Rooftop Restaurant, (Floor 13)

08:45 – 09:30 - **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 10TH ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK CONFERENCE**

Venue : Hamilton Suite

[Note: All participants should arrive and be seated by 08:45 hours]

08:45 - Arrival of the Guest-of-Honour

Dr Harold Hislop
Chief Inspector
Department of Education and Skills

08:50 – 09:00 - Opening Remarks by:

Mr Denis Cummins
President
Dundalk Institute of Technology

09:00 – 09:10 - Mr Zhang Hongtie
Director, People-to-People Exchange
Asia-Europe Foundation

09:10 – 09:30 - Official Opening by Guest-of-Honour

Dr Harold Hislop
Chief Inspector
Department of Education and Skills

09:30 – 17:30 - **STRENGTHENING THE ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK (PART I)**

Venue : Hamilton Suite

09:30 – 10:00 - Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET)

Presenter : Mr Zhang Hongtie, Director
People-to-People Exchange
Asia-Europe Foundation

10:00 – 12:45 - **PRESENTATION BY THE AWARD FINALISTS**

Venue : Hamilton Suite

Chair : Mr Denis Cummins, President
Dundalk Institute of Technology

- 10:00 - 10:10 - Introductory Remarks by Chairperson
- 10:10 - 11:10 - **Presentations by the AEC Award Finalists for 2010/2011 AEC Projects**

AEC Award Finalists:

A Magic Flight to Benevento, Italy

- Ms Maria Antonietta Sessa (Teacher)
- Mr Giuseppe Coccia (Student)
- I.I.S. Galilei Vetrone (Italy)

East Speaks West, West Speaks East 2010

- Ms Analyn Santos (Principal)
- Ms Shivali Goel (Student)
- Hope Academy of Rizal (Philippines) and Apeejay School (India)

Flora and Fauna Conservation

- Ms Felicia Tay (Teacher)
- Ms Gigi Ker (Student)
- Pioneer Secondary School (Singapore)

- 11:10 - 11:40 - Tea / Coffee Break

Venue : Conference Centre Lobby

- 11:40 - 12:40 - AEC Award Finalists:

GoCyberGreen 2010/2011

- Ms Angela Rickard (Project Co-ordinator)
- Ms Louise Henry (Student)
- Ballyhaunis Community School (Ireland)

Home Seek

- Ms Er Kia Hui (Teacher)
- Ms Clara Cheong (Student)
- Millennia Institute (Singapore)

Red listed and Endangered species Database (R.E.D)

- Mr Niclas Törnblad (Teacher)
- Mr Alexander Undén (Student)
- John Bauer Upper Secondary School (Sweden)

- 12:45 - Judges adjourn to collate results

Venue : Executive Board Room (Floor 1)

- 12:45 - 14:00 - Lunch

Venue : Tallon Suite (Floor 1)

14:00 – 17:30 - PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT FOR AEC-NET MEMBERS

**Apps in Asian and European Classrooms!
Unleashing Educational Creativity**

Venue : Hamilton Suite

Chair : Mr David McDonnell
Principal
Drogheda Institute of Further Education

14:00 – 14:45 - **ICT in the Curriculum**

Speaker : Ms Anne White
Project Officer for ICT in
Curriculum and Assessment
with the National Council for
Curriculum and Assessment
(NCCA)

14:45 – 15:15 - Coffee / Tea Break

Venue : Conference Centre Lobby

15:15 – 17:30 - **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

Speed Networking

Five interactive workshops / presentations aimed at demonstrating the use of technology to enhance learning. The workshops will last for 15 – 20 minutes each. Participants will be split into five groups and rotate for every workshop, ensuring that each participant will have the opportunity to participate in all five workshops.

Venue : Hamilton Suite

Convenor : Ms Caroline McHale
National Co-ordinator
Professional Development
Service for Teachers

Workshop 1 - Apps in the Classroom

Speaker : Dr Thomas Strasser
EFL and New Technology
Researcher
Vienna University of Education,
Austria

Workshop 2 - Collaborating Professionally in the Cloud

Speaker : Mr Seán Gallagher
Regional Co-ordinator
Professional Development
Service for Teachers, Ireland

Workshop 3 - Embracing Multimedia to Engage 21st Century Learners

Speaker : Ms Rachel Farrell
Regional Advisor
Professional Development
Service for Teachers, Ireland

Workshop 4 Harnessing the Power of Virtual Learning

Speaker : Mr Cornelius Young
Regional Advisor
Professional Development
Service for Teachers, Ireland

Workshop 5 SCRATCH

Speaker : Mr Stephen Howell
Lecturer
Institute of Technology
Tallaght, Dublin

18:00 - Announcement of the Winners by Mr Ciarán Cannon, TD Minister of State at the Department of Education and Skills

Venue : Hamilton Suite

19:30 - Buses depart for dinner in Carlingford, Co. Louth, Ireland's European Destination of Excellence

20:00 - Dinner with performance by Máire Carroll on violin, and Deirdre Ní Chárthaigh on harp.

Attire : Smart Casual

Venue : Ghan House, Carlingford, Co. Louth

22:00 Buses depart for Hotel

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2011

06:30 – 07:30 - Breakfast

Venue : Fahrenheit Rooftop Restaurant (Floor 13)

07:45 – 13:30 - **CULTURAL AND SCHOOL VISITS**

[Note: All participants to gather at the Conference Centre Lobby by 07:35 hours]

07:45 - Depart from hotel to Newgrange

Participants will be divided into two groups:

Group 1 – Newgrange Megalithic Tomb
(www.newgrangemegalithic.ie)
and Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer
(www.scoiluimhuiri.ie)

Group 2 – Newgrange Megalithic Tomb and
Drogheda Institute of Further
Education
(www.dife.info)

13:00 - Depart from Schools to Hotel

13:30 – 14:30 - Lunch

Venue : Tallon Suite (Floor 1)

14:30 – 18:00 - **STRENGTHENING THE ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK
(PART II)**

14:30 – 16:00 Brief introduction of new AEC Projects Proposed for 2011 / 2012

Venue : Hamilton Suite

Chair : Mr George Porter, Inspector and Conference
Organising Committee, Department of Education and
Skills

[Note: Each Project Co-ordinator will have a maximum of 4 minutes
to give a brief introduction on their AEC Project]

16:00 – 16:30 - Coffee / Tea Break

Venue : Conference Centre Lobby

16:30 – 18:00 - Brief introduction of new AEC Projects Proposed for 2011/2012
(Cont'd)

Venue : Hamilton Suite

Chair : Ms Adrienne Webb, Teacher and Conference Organising Committee
St. Michael's Holy Faith Secondary School, Dublin

[Note: Each Project Co-ordinator will have a maximum of 4 minutes, to give a brief introduction of their AEC Project]

19:00 – 20:00 - Dinner

Venue : Fahrenheit Rooftop Restaurant (Floor 13)

20:15 - Short drive to adjoining T K Whitaker Theatre, Dundalk Institute of Technology, Co. Louth: concert with mulled wine and cheese reception

20:30 - Conference Concert – Ceol agus Craic

Concert organiser and Emcee: Mr Tommy Fegan

22:30 - End of Performances

PROGRAMME FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

07:00 – 08:30 - Breakfast

Venue : Fahrenheit Rooftop Restaurant (Floor 13)

08:30 - Students to gather at the hotel lobby by 08:30 hours. Depart for O’Fiaich College

09:00 – 16:00 - The students will be greeted by third year students of O’Fiaich College and their form tutor. EAL (English as Additional Language) department teachers and students will also be involved in these introductions. The international students will accompany the 3A class to their timetabled classes for the day.

The school timetable will consist of the following:

09:40 - Science
10:55 - Break - Students can avail the canteen services
11:10 - English
11:50 - SPHE
12:25 - Religion
13:00 - Lunch - Students can avail the canteen services
13:40 - Home Economics
14:20 - Physical Education

[Please bring appropriate clothes and shoes for the PE lesson]

Classes will end at 3.30pm

[Note: Student representatives will be accompanied by the local students and teachers for the school day. Lunch will be provided.]

16:00 - Return to Hotel

DAY 4 - THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2011

- 07:00 - 08:30 - Breakfast
Venue : Fahrenheit Rooftop Restaurant (Floor 13)
- 09:00 - 13:00 - **STRENGTHENING THE ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK (PART III)**
- 09:00 - 10:30 - **WORKING GROUP SESSION I:
DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED AEC PROJECTS 2011/2012**
Venue : Hamilton Suite
- 10:30 - 11:00 - Coffee / Tea Break
Venue : Conference Centre Lobby
- 11:00 - 12:30 - **WORKING GROUP SESSION II:
DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED AEC PROJECTS 2011/2012**
Venue : Hamilton Suite
- 12:30 - 13:30 - Lunch
Venue : Tallon Suite (Floor 1)
- 13:30 - 16:00 - **INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY IN EDUCATION**
Venue : Hamilton Suite
Chair : Ms Angela Rickard, Lecturer, Education Department,
National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
- 13:30 - 13:50 - **Creativity in Teaching and Learning**
Speaker : Mr Ciarán McCormack
Creative Director of FÍS
Institute of Art, Design and
Technology, Dún Laoghaire
Ireland
- 13:50 - 14:10 - **Case Study: ICT in Education (Singapore)**
Speaker : Ms Chan Lai Peng
Deputy Director, Technologies
& Design for Learning Branch,
Educational Technology
Division,
Ministry of Education,
Singapore
- 14:10 - 14:30 - Tea / Coffee Break

- Venue : Conference Centre Lobby
- 14:30 - 14:50 - **Effectiveness of Creativity in Education through Performing Arts Using IT Platforms**
- Speaker : Ms Martina Winkel
Artistic Director
Theater ohne Grenzen, Vienna,
Austria
- 14:50 - 15:10 - **ICT Skills for the 21st Century**
- Speaker : Mr Damien Owens
Registrar
Engineers Ireland
- 15:10 - 16:00 - Panel of Speakers: Questions & Answers Session
- 16:00 – 17:30 - EVALUATION SESSION**
- Venue : Hamilton Suite
- Chair : Dr Sven Hadenfeldt, Technical Advisor and Member of the AEC-NET Co-ordinating Committee
- 19:30 – 23:00 - DINNER FEATURING CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE AEC-NET TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**
- Venue : Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk
- Attire : National Costume
- Presentation of the 2011 Awards Certificates and Certificates of Attendance
- 19:00 - Depart by bus to Ballymascanlon Hotel
- 19:30 - Arrive at Ballymascanlon Hotel
- 19:30 - Arrival of Guest-of-Honour
- Mr Pat Cox
Former President of European Parliament
- 19:30 – 19:35 - Remarks by
- Colr. Anthony Donohoe
Chairperson
Co. Louth Vocational Education Committee
- 19:35 – 19:45 Chief Guest
Ms Brigid McManus,
Secretary General
Department of Education and Skills

- 19.45 – 21:00 - Dinner
- 21:00 –21:30 - Presentation by Mr Pat Cox
and presentation of the Awards Certificates
- 21:30– 22:00 - Presentation of the Certificate of Attendance
by
- Mr Zhang Hongtie
Director, People-to-People Exchange
Asia-Europe Foundation
- and
- Colr. Anthony Donohoe
Chairperson
Co. Louth VEC
- 22:00– 23:00 - Cultural Performances by the Participants
- 23:00 - End of Farewell Dinner
- 23:05 - Depart by Bus to Crowne Plaza Hotel

PROGRAMME FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

- 07:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast
- Venue : Fahrenheit Rooftop Restaurant (Floor 13)
- 09:00 - Student representatives to gather at the hotel lobby by 09:00 hours
- 09:00 – 15:00 - The students' together with the 3A class will depart on a tour to
experience some aspects of Irish Culture.
- [Note: Student representatives will be accompanied by the local
students and teachers for the sightseeing in Louth. Lunch will be
provided.]*
- 15:00 - Return to Hotel
- [Note: Students to participate in the evaluation session at 16:00
hours]*

DAY 5 – FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2011

07:00 – 09:00 - Breakfast

Venue : Fahrenheit Rooftop Restaurant (Floor 13)

09:30 – 12:00 - **THE AEC-NET CONNECTIONS**

Venue : Hamilton Suite

09:30 – 10:00 - **The e-Learning Networks: eLearning Cluster and eLSA**

Presenters : Mr Walter Steinkogler
Abendgymnasium Salzburg,
Austria

And

Mr Edmund Huditz
Gymnasium Villach, Austria

10:00 – 10:30 - **Dissolving Boundaries Through Technology in Education**

Presenters: Professor Roger Austin and
Ms Angela Rickard
Project Co-ordinators, Ireland

10:30 – 11:00 - Coffee / Tea Break

Venue: Conference Centre Lobby

11:00 – 11:30 **MissionV – Game Based Learning in a Virtual World**

Presenter: Mr James Corbett
CEO
MissionV Education Ltd.,
Limerick, Ireland

11:30 – 12:30 - Questions & Answers Session

12:30 – 13:30 - Lunch

Venue : Tallon Suite (Floor 1)

Afternoon Departure of Participants

13:30 – 17:30 - **5th Co-ordinating Committee Meeting: Evaluation and Follow-up**

[Note: To be attended by the Co-ordinating Committee members only]

Venue : Executive Board Room (Floor 1)

13:30 – 15:00 - Co-ordinating Committee Meeting

15:00 – 15:30 - Coffee / Tea Break

Venue : Executive Board Room (Floor 1)

15:30 – 17:30 - Co-ordinating Committee Meeting (Cont'd)

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