



28 March 2017

Dear colleague,

On Wednesday, April 26th 2017, from 5-9pm, the School of Education at NUI Galway will host its *Sixth Annual Postgraduate Research Seminar*, and we are delighted to invite you to this important event. The seminar is part of the School's annual *Research Seminar Series*¹, the purpose of which is to showcase research activity in the School, and to provide a forum for discussion with our educational community with respect to the research-educational practice nexus.

The School of Education at NUI Galway is highly active in educational research and we have a range of funded research projects across our four research clusters: 1. Diversity and Inclusion in Education, 2. Science Technology and Mathematics in Education, 3. Leadership and Professional Development in Education, and 4. Irish and Modern Languages Education².

This Postgraduate Research seminar will consist of parallel sessions, during which our PhD students will present on their current educational research. Presentation topics will include:

- The teaching of Enterprise in Irish post-primary schools
- The primary and post-primary schooling experiences of Black and Minority Ethnic students
Examining Irish post-primary students' difficulties in initial algebra
- The experiences of working class applicants and entrants to initial teacher education in Ireland
- 'Learningful' interactions at Galway City Museum
- Engaging students in STEM Through informal astrobiology learning
- Adopting a Content and Language and Integrated Learning (CLIL) approach
- Being an 'insider' researcher
- Addressing issues of gender modelling in Irish primary schools
- School leadership
- The Experiences of those who have been expelled from post-primary schools

Presentations will also include reflections on specific methodologies employed, including practitioner research. The audience will include current MEd students, School of Education staff, and various members of the wider educational community. If you would like to attend, please rsvp before Friday, 7 April 2017, via email (caroline.casey@nuigalway.ie) or by telephone (ext. 5985)

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School

Dr. Elaine Keane
Chair of Research Committee

¹ Information on past events can be found at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/education/research/rss/>

² See: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/education/research/>