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agus Cuimsitheacha*

## ACCS Convention 2024 – DRAFT Agenda and Timetable

### Empowering Communities Nurturing Minds: Governance & Guardianship in Education

#### Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

- 3.00 p.m. Conference Registration/Exhibition Viewing  
Tea/Coffee and Biscuits on arrival
- 3.45 p.m. **Opening Session**  
**Location:** The Galmont Hotel  
**Chair:** James Duignan, Uachtarán, ACCS  
Adoption of Standing Orders  
Appointment of Timekeepers  
Appointment of Tellers  
Minutes of 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention  
General Secretary's Report  
Honorary Treasurer's Report  
Adoption of Auditor's Report 2023  
Appointment of ACCS Auditor for 2024  
Director of Human Resources' Report
- 5.15 p.m. **Election of President of ACCS for 2024/2025**
- 5.30 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 6.00 p.m. **Address by the Minister for Education, Norma Foley, T.D.**  
(This session may be subject to change depending on the Minister's schedule)
- 6.30 p.m. **Address by James Duignan, Uachtarán, ACCS**  
**Chair:** Paul Thornton, Vice President, ACCS  
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- 7.00 p.m. **Election of 2024/2025 ACCS Executive Committee**  
(Board of Directors)
- 8.00 p.m. Dinner

#### Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

- 9.30 a.m. **ACCS Sub-Committee Reports/Current Issues**  
**Panel:** John Irwin, General Secretary, ACCS  
Áine O'Sullivan, Assistant General Secretary, ACCS  
Anne Marie Dillon, Director of Human Resources, ACCS  
**Chair:** Paul Thornton, Vice President, ACCS

- 10.45 a.m. Tea/Coffee Break/Exhibition Viewing
- 11.30 a.m. **“School’s Governance”**  
**Speaker:** Niamh Brennan, Professor of Management at University College Dublin and Founder/Academic Director of the UCD Centre for Corporate Governance  
**Chair:** James Duignan, Uachtarán, ACCS
- 12.45 p.m. Lunch/Exhibition Viewing
- 2.15 p.m. **“Resilience Reimagined: Navigating Student Well-Being Post-Covid”**  
**Speaker:** Dr. Harry Barry, Doctor and Best-Selling Author  
**Chair:** James Duignan, Uachtarán, ACCS
- 3:00 p.m. Exhibition Viewing & Sponsored Prize Draws
- 3.20 – 4.00 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops**  
**Workshop 1 for Board Members: Research Workshop for Board Members - Community and Comprehensive Schools “Looking Back and Looking Forward”**  
**Speaker:** Professor Tom Collins
- Workshop 2 for Principals: Leading with Resilience: A Dialogue on Principals’ Well-Being in the Era of Change”**  
**Speaker:** Dr. Harry Barry, Doctor and Best-Selling Author
- 4.15 p.m. **ACCS Executive Meeting 2024/2025 (Co-options)**
- 7.30 p.m. **Banquet Reception**
- 8.00 p.m. **Musical recital followed by Convention Banquet**

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2024**

- 9.30 a.m. **Current Issues and Convention 2024 Motions**  
**Panel:** John Irwin, General Secretary, ACCS  
Áine O’Sullivan, Assistant General Secretary, ACCS  
Anne Marie Dillon, Director of Human Resources, ACCS  
**Chair:** Paul Thornton, Vice President, ACCS
- 10.15 a.m. **“The Voice of Parents and Students as Partners in Education”**  
**Speakers:** Dr. Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children & Áine Lynch, CEO, National Parents Council  
**Chair:** James Duignan, Uachtarán, ACCS
- 11.30 a.m. **Reflections on Convention & Closing Remarks**
- 11.50 a.m. Tea/Coffee Break