

HECA Annual Conference, Friday 15th April 2016
Saint Nicholas Montessori College Ireland
“Funding of Higher Education – Challenges and Solutions”

09.30	Registration Tea/Coffee Reception: DLR Lexicon	
10.00	Welcome	Neil Gallagher, Chair, HECA
	Chair	Prof Diarmuid Hegarty, Vice Chair, HECA
	Opening Address	Prof. Andrew Deeks, President, UCD
	Keynote Address	Mary Mitchell O Connor, TD Chair of Fine Gael Committee on Education
Topical Sessions		
SESSION 1		
10.45	National Forum for Teaching and Learning – Digital Roadmap Dara Cassidy, Hibernia College <i>(This session will offer ‘a state of play’ position on the use of learning technologies across HECA members. The outcome of this survey will be linked to the development of the N T&L’s Digital strategy)</i>	
11.30	Tea/ Coffee Break	
SESSION 2		
11.45	<p align="center"><i>“Are we there yet”?</i></p> Presenter: Dr Dermot Douglas, Higher Education Consultant <i>(This session will give an overview of the role of private higher education in Ireland, and offer reflections on lessons and experiences, both national and international which may inform HECA as it seeks to develop a more strategic engagement with all HEIs in Ireland)</i>	
13.00	Lunch / Networking: Royal Marine Hotel	
1400	Chair	Ian McKenna, Director, SNMCI
	Learner Contribution	Perspectives from Students in HECA Colleges Pierce Connolly (GCD), Kim Jennings (DBS) and Martin Byrne (ICHAS)
14.10	Plenary Session	Panel Discussion: Vision for HE in Challenging Times Chair: Ian McKenna Panelists: Dr Annie Doona, President, IADT Dr Larry McNutt, TU4Dublin Fergal Costello, HEA Fergus Finlay, Chief Executive, Barnados Prof Denis Ryan, Board Member, HECA/ ICHAS Donna Bell, International QA Expert Ian Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, TCD
15.15	QQI Contribution	Mary Sheridan, QQI
16.00	Closing Remarks	Neil Gallagher, Chair, HECA