

Seen & Heard: 21 Years for Children

Presented by The Ark in partnership with Children's Rights Alliance

Thursday 17 November 2016 | Draft Schedule

Time	Event	Location
9.15am	Doors open, registration and coffee - Gallery (Level 2)	
9.30am	Attendees to be seated ready for the arrival of the Minister	Workshop (Level 3)
	Welcome address Catherine Byrne, Chair of The Ark (@Catherinexbyrne)	
9.45am-10am	Keynote Address Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton, TD	
10am-10:25am	The Ark Children’s Council premiere their short film ‘It’s a Right!’ created to celebrate Universal Children’s Day 2016. Chair: Aideen Howard, Director of The Ark (@AideenHoward) With Shaun Dunne, Artist in Residence at The Ark (@SeanieLove)	
10.25am-11.20am	21 Years for Children: How has Ireland changed? Chair: Tom Costello, Chair of Children’s Rights Alliance (@CostelloTom6) Tanya Ward, Chief Executive of Children’s Rights Alliance (@Tanya_Ward) Anne Looney, Interim Director of the Higher Education Authority (@annelooney) Martin Drury, Founding Director of The Ark and Arts Consultant	
11.20am-11.40am	Coffee Break - Gallery (Level 2)	
11:40am-12:45am	A Picture of Children: A Conversation on Contemporary Practice Chair: Elaina Ryan, Director of Children’s Books Ireland (@elainajryan) Séona Ní Bhríán, Head of Young People, Children and Education, the Arts Council Brian Irvine, Composer PJ Lynch, Laureate na nÓg (@PJLynchArt) Sinéad Burke, Writer and PhD Candidate (@minniemelange) John Concannon, Director of Ireland 2016 (@JCGalway)	Workshop (Level 3)
12.45am-1pm	Towards a Better Future for The Arts in Education Professor Emeritus John Coolahan	
1pm – 2pm	Lunch - Gallery (Level 2)	
2pm – 3pm	Challenges for Children Today: A Conversation Chair: Jillian van Turnhout, Former Senator (@JillianvT) Owen Keenan, Chair, National Advisory Council for <i>Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures</i> , The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People Grainia Long, Chief Executive, ISPCC (@GrainiaLong) Vincent McCarthy, Founder Festival of Curiosity (@vincemccarthy) Ray Yeates, Dublin City Arts Officer (@rayeates)	Workshop (Level 3)
3pm-3.30pm	A Reflection on Challenges and Opportunities for the Future Fintan O’Toole, Author, Literary Editor and Columnist at the the Irish Times (@fotoole)	
3.30pm-3.50pm	Coffee Break - Gallery (Level 2)	
3.50pm-4.20pm	“Dear Roddy, I hope you are still alive” Writer Roddy Doyle in conversation with Aideen Howard (@AideenHoward)	Workshop (Level 3)
4.20pm-4.30pm	Thank you and close from The Ark and Children’s Rights Alliance	
5pm-7pm	Reception & Launch of The Ark Strategy 2017-2020 - Long Room (Level 1)	

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