

April 11th Triskel Christchurch

9.30am - 1pm



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Seminar Registration open from 9.00am

- 9.30** City Group Photographs
- 9.40** Introduction - **Willie McAuliffe**, Co-Chair Growing Lifelong learning in Cork and Chair Cork Lifelong Learning Festival
- 9.45** Welcome Address - **Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Mick Finn**
- 9.55** Keynote Address – **Raúl Valdes Cotera**, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)
The UNESCO Cork Call to Action on Learning Cities and the 4th International Conference on Learning Cities in Medellin, Colombia 2019
- 10.10** Learning Cities in Action: Ideas from around the world - Panel 1
Chaired by **Dr. Séamus O'Tuama**, Director ACE UCC
Presentations from:
Derry/Strabane, Sonderborg Denmark, South Bend USA,
Wolverhampton UK, Dublin, Limerick
- Break Out Discussion Groups: Learning City Conversations – 2 rounds**
- 11.10** Tea/coffee – networking break
- 11.30** Learning Cities in Action: Ideas from around the world - Panel 2
Chaired by **Dr. Barry O'Connor**, President CIT
Presentations from:
Espoo Finland, Pécs Hungary, Newcastle UK, Cornell University USA, Belfast, Cork
- Break Out Discussion Groups: Learning City Conversations - 2 rounds**
- 12.30** Q&A, Panel Discussion – Chair **John Fitzgibbons**, Acting Chief Executive CETB
- 12.40** An introduction to Manizales, Colombia - **Alejandro Ortiz Diaz**
- 12.45** Input from Rapporteur – **Arne Carlsen**, former Director UIL
- 12.55** Closing Remarks – **Denis Barrett**, Cork Learning City Co-ordinator
- 1.00** Seminar ends followed by a light networking lunch
- 2.00** Meeting to discuss forming a Network of European and North American Learning Cities in Cork City Hall, Council Chamber
- 3.15** Visits to Lifelong Learning Festival Events
- 6.30** Conference Speakers Evening Dinner

April 12th 10am Teas/Coffees Cork City Hall Council Chamber
All Day Visits to Lifelong Learning Festival Events throughout city



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Raúl Valdés Cotera

**UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING
MANAGER OF THE UNESCO GLOBAL NETWORK
OF LEARNING CITIES**

For more than fifteen years, he has been working in international organisations in the field of public policies, lifelong learning and adult education. He has led various research and advocacy projects such as the Regional Report of Adult Education in Latin America (2007), the Conceptual Evolution and Policy Developments in Lifelong Learning (2011), the Glossary for Adult Education in Latin America (2013), Unlocking the Potential of Urban Communities (2015 & 2017). Raúl holds a master degree in Statistics, another in Business Administration and a Ph.D. in Education.



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Mick Finn

**LORD MAYOR OF CORK
PATRON OF CORK LIFELONG LEARNING FESTIVAL**

Mick worked as a journalist for 10 years at local, national and international level as Deputy Editor of the Irish Echo, Australia. He has also worked as a parliamentary secretary in the national parliament (Dail Eireann) and spent 15 years working with students providing transitional support from primary through to tertiary education. He currently works as a Cork ETB Youth Officer. First elected to Cork City Council in 2009, topped the poll at the 2014 elections and in 2018 became the first non-party Lord Mayor of the city in 73 years.



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Arna Carlsen

**CHAIR PROFESSOR AT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,
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Arne has served variously as Secretary-General of the Nordic Folk High School Council, Rector of the Nordic Folk Academy (Sweden), Vice-rector for Education at the Danish University of Education, and National Coordinator of a number of international comparative assessments of student achievement in reading, mathematics and citizenship education, Co-Chair of the Global Alliance for Literacy, the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMMS) and the International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (ICCS). Founding Chair of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning, Executive Director of the International Alliance of Leading Education Institutes (IALEI), and Chair of the university consortium that managed the Erasmus Mundus Joint European Master's Programme in Lifelong Learning: Policy and Management. Inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in 2017, and holds a number of honorary doctoral degrees and professorships. From 2011-2017, he held the position of Director of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning



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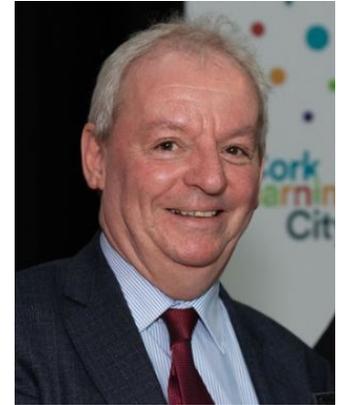
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William Mc Auliffe

CHAIR CORK LIFELONG LEARNING FESTIVAL

The former principal of Terence MacSwiney Community College Cork, Willie was a founding member of and is currently the Co-chair of the Growing Lifelong Learning in Cork (GLLiC) committee and the chair of Cork Lifelong Learning Festival. He has presented on Cork Learning City at conferences worldwide and was a key member of the team that partnered with UNESCO in hosting the 3rd International Conference on Learning Cities in 2017.

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Michele Murphy

DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL

I was appointed Derry City and Strabane's District Council Learning City Region Coordinator in December 2018.

Prior to her current position she worked as a Behavioural Change Officer for the Charity Sustrans which promotes sustainable transport across the UK and Ireland. Michelle also taught ICT and Computing for 10 years at the North West Regional College.

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Erling Andresen

MEMBER OF SØNDERBORG CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPALITY SCHOOL MANAGER, SØNDERBORG

Erling Andresen is in the role of Municipality children and school manager for 18 years. Educated teacher, and supplementary management education





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Séamus Ó Tuama

**DIRECTOR OF ACE (ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION),
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Chair-Designate of the ASEM-Lifelong Learning Hub Séamus is also a member of the board/steering committee of several organisations including eucen (European University Continuing Education Network); Cork UNESCO learning city, which hosted the 3rd UNESCO Conference on Learning Cities; Cork Learning Neighbourhoods; Cork Lifelong Learning Festival; Skellig Centre for Research and Innovation; HELLIN (Higher Education Lifelong Learning Ireland Network); HERC (Higher Education Research Centre) hosted by Dublin City University. He is also active in ESREA; AAACE and PASCAL international. Themes within his research include adult education, identity, social and human capital, respect, dignity, and intergenerational learning. He has published, delivered papers and workshops on these and related topics internationally. He is also a journalist and expert evaluator



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Lawrence Greenspun

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SECTOR ENGAGEMENT
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The Drucker Institute is a social enterprise based at Claremont Graduate University, California. He created and leads the Drucker Playbook for the Public Sector and serves as a senior advisor on the Institute's lifelong learning project, an initiative to design, prototype, implement, and ultimately scale a system that will help transform South Bend, Indiana, into a City of Lifelong Learning. He also teaches on the University of Notre Dame's Master of Entrepreneurship and has a range of involvements in social and environmental initiatives

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Anna Place

**WOLVERHAMPTON CITY LEARNING REGION
SENIOR BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER FOR JOBCHANGE**

Anna is actively involved in the development of the Wolverhampton City Learning Region initiative through the Wolverhampton Learning Platform; particularly the realising aspiration strand. She is a former senior manager of a college of further education and has been instrumental in developing the Learning Communities Initiative with the City of Wolverhampton Council to provide a 'whole of city integrated offer' and her ambition is for all residents to have access to a clear and holistic learning offer.





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Anne-Marie Kelly

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

Anne-Marie Kelly represents Dublin City Council on the Dublin Learning City initiative. A Divisional Librarian, she is also a member of Dublin City Public libraries' management team.

She is a graduate from University College Dublin in Library & Information studies and has worked in Dublin City in various library spaces and projects. She currently leads the Library Development Team responsible for learning and cultural programmes in Dublin City Libraries.

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Brendan Ryan

**LEARNING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
LIMERICK AND CLARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

Brendan has worked in Adult and Further Education for close to thirty years. He currently chairs the SMART Limerick working group on Digital Inclusion. Over the years he has gained extensive experience working with community based groups on e-Inclusion/digital inclusion initiatives and was a co-founder of Limerick Community ICT Steering Group and Limerick Community Connect. These groups ran a number of successful digital inclusion projects in communities in Limerick City.

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Dr Barry O'Connor

PRESIDENT OF CORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Dr O'Connor served as Registrar and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cork Institute of Technology in Ireland since 2008. He joined CIT in 2006 as Head of School of Mechanical & Process Engineering. Extensive experience as Lecturer and Researcher including 25 years in University College Cork (Ireland) and sabbatical periods in ENSIA (France), Michigan State University (USA), ESB Porto (Portugal) and Alfa Laval in Sweden.

His research focus was in the domain of Convergent Technologies. He has participated in many EU Research Reviews and in Academic Quality reviews, in both public and private sector Higher Education. A member of the French Commission de Titres d'Ingénieur panel of Experts, and an accredited ENQA reviewer, the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education. He holds engineering and law degrees from UCC, a PhD from MSU and is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Ireland. Currently Chairman of a Primary school Board, Cork's North Monastery CBS, and a member of the Board of Cork College of Commerce, Ireland's largest FE College.



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Dr. Kristiina Erkkilä

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES ESPOO, FINLAND

Previously, she was Director of the International Centre in Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences. Kristiina Erkkilä holds a PhD in Administrative and Policy Studies in Education from University of Pittsburgh, United States. Her own research interests are entrepreneurial education and learning ecosystems. The City of Espoo is a pioneering member of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities for cities actively developing their sustainable lifelong learning opportunities.

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Dr. Habil Balázs Németh

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR UNIVERSITY OF PÉCS

Currently Associate Professor with the University of Pécs Institute of Human Development and Humanities and Deputy Director of the Institutes Scientific degree (with PhD, CSc DLA) and PhD Twenty-two years of teaching experience in higher education and thirteen years of research and development experience in EU project work.

International Professional Membership (PASCAL Int. Observatory, EUCEN, EAEA, ESREA) A historian, Balázs is currently chair of the MTA University of Pécs Andragogic Subcommittee.

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Matthew Johnson

SENIOR LECTURER IN POLITICS AT LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

Johnsons research focuses on the relationship between culture, public policy and wellbeing in issues such as austerity, Brexit and national rebuilding. He led the international, participatory study 'A Cross-cultural Working Group on "Good Culture" and Precariousness', involving community members from Northumberland, UK and Aboriginal groups in Australia and a research network of over 30 academics. He regularly contributes commentary to national and international media and is founding Editor of Global Discourse, a quarterly Bristol University Press journal.

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Annalisa Lewis Raymer

**ADULT, COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP LEARNING
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Annalisa Lewis Raymer hails from Kentucky where she grew up in the river town of Louisville. A first-generation university student, Annalisa studied at Berea College, a work college, where all the students have labor assignments, and no one pays tuition. A member of the Development Sociology faculty at Cornell, "Dr. Annalisa" teaches community-engaged courses in Adult, Community & Leadership Learning. Additionally, she directs Cornell University's work-based adult education program, the Community Learning and Service Partnership program, CLASP. Annalisa raises chickens, loves to travel, and wishes Ithaca had a train system.

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Stuart Dickinson

BELFAST METROPOLITAN COLLEGE

(B.Ed M.Ed FHEA): Stuart has been working in education for almost twenty years. He trained as a primary school teacher before embarking on a Lecturing career in 2007, in Further and Higher Education, across a range of disciplines including Essential Skills, Creative Writing, Employability and more recently Early Years Education. Stuart has been leading the Centre for Childhood Studies, with almost 500 students, at Belfast Met for the past three years and is developing a curriculum which embraces both Blended and Project Based Learning approaches to meet the changing needs of our 21st Century learners..

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Martin O Donoghue

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER CORK OPERA HOUSE

Martin is a founding member of Eccowell Cork. Passionate about the positive impact that culture has on society and the role of cross sectoral partnerships in delivering novel solutions to meet complex real world challenges. Martin is an advocate for lifelong and lifewide learning and is a member of Cork Lifelong Learning steering group. Martin brokered the ground breaking deal between Cork Opera House and UCC and coined the concept of the Learning Theatre. He also loves rowing currachs.

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John Fitzgibbons

DIRECTOR OF FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING WITH CORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD (CETB),

Appointed Director of Further Education and Training with Cork Education and Training Board (CETB) in 2016. Prior to this he was Education Officer for CETB and filled a similar role in the City of Cork Vocational Education Committee (VEC) from 2006.

Throughout his career to date John has had extensive experience working with the Department of Education and Skills, SOLAS, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA), and Qualifications and Quality Ireland (QQI).

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Alejandro Ortiz Diaz

MANIZALES UNIVERSITY CAMPUS DIRECTOR

An economist & business administrator Alejandro is currently in the role of Manizales University Campus Director and Leader of Manizales Learning City process 2019.

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Denis Barrett

CORK LEARNING CITY COORDINATOR

Denis Barrett is Cork Learning City Co-ordinator with Cork City Council, a partnership including Cork Education and Training Board, Cork Institute of Technology, UCC and other statutory and non-statutory partners promoting learning of all kinds, for people of all ages interests and abilities. A founder member of Cork Lifelong Learning Festival in 2003, of EcCoWeLL Cork in 2012 and of Growing Lifelong Learning in Cork (GlliC) in 2014. A key member of the team that partnered with UNESCO in hosting the 3rd International Conference on Learning Cities in 2017, Denis has presented on Cork Learning City at global conferences .

He has previously held many roles across Formal, Non-formal and Informal Education including in Third Level, Further Education, Second Level, Primary Level and Youthwork Services.

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Didde Lauritzen

MEMBER OF SØNDERBORG CITY COUNCIL

Member of Sønderborg City Council (committee of children and Education, committee of Health). Didde is a doctor (MD), and currently a Pediatric Resident in her native Denmark. She is also a volunteer with "Save the Children"



Heidi F. Jørgensen

MEMBER OF SØNDERBORG CITY COUNCIL

Educated as a social worker, for the past 17 years I have owned and managed a restaurant and worked as a entrepreneur. Obviously I have natural interest in entrepreneurship and business, but also urban development. I also have a deep interest in the developement of children and young people through out their life.

I am a board member of Sønderborg Business Council, Vice Chairman of the Business Committee, member of the Health Committee and member of the Comitte for Child and Education.

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Jesper Smaling

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AP Graduate in Financial Management, working as Personal Financial Advisor with Nykredit. Jesper is a member of Sønderborg City Council. Seated in Children and Education Committee and the Economy Committee.

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