Initial Teacher Education Conference
The third North-South ITE conference took place in St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra in June 2005. The conference theme was "The Competence Approach to Teacher Professional Development: Current Practice and Future Prospects". The keynote speaker was Professor Marilyn Cochran-Smith from Boston College. It was Professor Marilyn Cochran-Smith from Boston College who addressed the conference.

The quantitative data compiled was recorded, and data analysis was conducted. Interviews are being conducted with primary and post-primary school leaders, North and South. These will form the basis of a book to be published by the Institute of Public Administration as a support for current and potential school leaders and educators.

Policy, Provisions, Processes and Possibilities

A conference will be held in Stranmillis UC on 23-24 November 2005 with the following objectives: to provide an overview of current provision of CPD by universities; to outline current research on the conditions for high quality CPD; and identify possible lines of development for future provision, research and policy, North and South. This conference will be held in Stranmillis UC on 23-24 November 2005.

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Dr Derick Wilson OBE is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Professional Studies, University of Ulster. He has been working in the area of religious education and ethos for over 30 years in Northern Ireland since 1984. He chaired the National Council for Northern Ireland in 1996 and was a member of the Arts Council which sought to ensure the creation of the Northern Ireland Arts Council in 1997. Despite a lack of cross community support, this crucial work has not been lost culture is currently composing a research programme on representations of culture in the Republic and the Common Framework for Northern Ireland.

Dr Anu Maini is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of International Education at the University of Northumbria. She is a member of the NATEP conference committee and has expertise in educational research. She has conducted research on the role of early education in the formation of gender identities and internationalisation.

Dr Brian Strickland is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Education at the University of Ulster. He has conducted research on the role of early education in the formation of gender identities and internationalisation.

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Ms Margaret Patterson is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Education at the University of Ulster. She has conducted research on the role of early education in the formation of gender identities and internationalisation.

Mr Stephen McBlain is Chair of the Department of Education at University College Dublin. He has conducted research on the role of early education in the formation of gender identities and internationalisation.

Dr Conor Casey is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Education at the University of Ulster. He has conducted research on the role of early education in the formation of gender identities and internationalisation.

Dr Kevin O’Connor is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Education at the University of Ulster. He has conducted research on the role of early education in the formation of gender identities and internationalisation.

Teaching and Learning in Diverse Societies

Professor Tom Boland is a Lecturer in the Department of Education at the University of Ulster. He has conducted research on the role of early education in the formation of gender identities and internationalisation.

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