

Invitation to *Informing Policy through Research and Evidence: Learning's from the Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative and Growing Up in Ireland – A Roundtable Discussion*

Date: Monday 30th September 2013

Time: 9.00am-1.30pm

Venue: Economic and Social Research Institute, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Growing Up In Ireland and the **Centre for Effective Services** is inviting a select group of decision makers to a roundtable discussion on 30th September 2013 to discuss the evidence and data emerging from both the *Growing up In Ireland* study and the *Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative (PEII)*.

The purpose of this specialized event is to consider the collective data from these two sources, specifically on what is known about **parenting and children's learning**. It will be opened by Minister Frances Fitzgerald, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and aims to enhance and develop the dialogue between research output and practice with a view to influencing policy as well as the design and delivery of child and family services in Ireland. By bringing researchers, policy makers and practitioners together, the discussion will allow attendees to consider the implications of this collective learning in the context of future policy and service developments. Held under Chatham House Rules, the Roundtable will consist of a mix of plenary contributions, panel and facilitated discussion.

| Time | Content | Speakers |
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| 9.00am | Introductions and welcome | Frances Ruane (ESRI) |
| 9.15am | Opening Address | Minister Frances Fitzgerald |
| 9.30am | Background and Structure of the event | Nuala Doherty (CES) |
| 9.45am | Knowledge to action – models of evidence-informed policy making | Peter Lunn (ESRI) |
| 10.00am | Parenting – what do we know | James Williams (GUI) and Stella Owens (CES) |
| 10.45am | Children's Learning – what do we know | Helga Sneddon (CES) and Mark Morgan (GUI) |
| 11.30am | Coffee | |
| 12.00 | Facilitated Discussion | Facilitated by Professor Tony Fahey (UCD) |
| 1pm | Close | Closed by Jim Breslin (Department of Children and Youth Affairs) and Sean O'Foghlu (Department of Education and Skills) |

