

# The next six years: The first six years <sup>[1]</sup>

13 Dec 2011 - 10:00am to 4:30pm

**Event Website:** [Conference website](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

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## Details

The conference will bring together a wide range of organisations and individuals to discuss ideas on what the next National Children's Strategy should say about early childhood policies in Ireland.

**The First Six Years.** The focus of the conference will be policies that impact on all children in their first six years, including childminding, the Free Pre-School Year, parenting supports, workforce development, Siolta and Aistear, public health nursing, parental leave policies, and supports for children with special needs.

**The Next Six Years.** The next National Children's Strategy is to be published in 2012 and will run through until 2017 - six years from now. Even at a time of economic crisis, a 6-year time-frame offers scope for real progress. We will not achieve our long-term vision in the next six years, but we can make practical proposals on ways to move early childhood policies steadily in the right direction.

### Confirmed contributors include:

- \* Professor Iram Siraj-Blatchford (Professor of Education, Institute of Education, London)
- \* Professor Noirin Hayes (Head of School of Social Sciences and Law, Dublin Institute of Technology)
- \* Senator Jillian Van Turnhout (Chair, Early Childhood Ireland)
- \* Mary Doyle (Assistant Secretary, Department of Children and Youth Affairs)
- \* Dr Mathias Urban (Reader in Education, University of East London)
- \* Maggie Simpson (Chief Executive, Scottish Childminding Association)

Workshops will take place on a range of key policy issues.

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