



The National Parents Council Post Primary and the National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals are co-hosting a conference and workshop in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise on Saturday 9 April, 2016 from 9:30am to 4:00pm entitled

### **Empowering 21<sup>st</sup> Century Parents**

**Professor Guy Claxton**, Emeritus Professor of the Learning Sciences at the University of Winchester, visiting Professor at King's London, Co-Director of the Centre for Real-World Learning and **Graham Powell**, Director and Principal Consultant with The Learning Organisation, formerly head-teacher and school inspector will present on the day.

*“The principal goal of education in schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done; men and women who are creative, inventive and discoverers who can be critical and verify and not accept everything they are offered” - Jean Piaget*

The workshop will have 2 primary goals: (1) Provide an opportunity for parents to experience what modern effective learning looks like in practice and 2) Explore with parents the key role they can play in providing the best education for their children.

The first part of the workshop will explore how learning can be organised in ways that allows for the building of knowledge in ways beyond “teacher is telling and learning is listening”, which critically develop in young people attributes such as resilience, independence, curiosity, collaboration tool to work with young people to face the challenges in the years ahead.

The second part of the workshop will focus on how parents can become advocates for change. Character formation, the nurturing of skills, dispositions and the building of knowledge and understanding are for both school and home - working together. We need to build an intelligent system of schooling that prepares young people to thrive in a world which will be unrecognisable from the one we grew up in and one which faces challenges and problems never before encountered.

There is no fee to attend this event but as space is limited please register your interest in attending by emailing [leading4learning@napd.ie](mailto:leading4learning@napd.ie) giving your name, school or organisation and listing any particular dietary requirements you may have. NPCpp and NAPD look forward to seeing you on the 9<sup>th</sup> April next in Portlaoise Heritage hotel.

## **Agenda**

- 9.00am**                      **Tea Coffee**
- 9.50am**                      **Opening NAPD.... Clive Byrne**  
   **NPCpp.. Paul Mooney**
- 10:00--10:20**                **Prof Guy Claxton- Setting the Context**  
  
**What is the point of School? Clarion Call for a different view of the pulse of education in our schools**  
  
**What's the role of Parents in all this?**
- 10:20--11.40**                **Graham Powell**  
  
**(supported by Prof. Claxton)**  
  
**Building Learning Capacity-practical activities to illustrate the kind of pedagogy that builds learning habits in young people. PART 1**
- 11.40--11:50**                **Comfort Break**
- 11:50--1:00**                      **Graham Powell**  
  
**(supported by Prof. Claxton)                PART 2**
- 1:00--2:00**                      **Lunch**

**2:00--3.30**

**Prof. Guy Claxton - What parents need from their children's school and what they can do to effect a culture change-Educating Ruby.**

**This will be a practical and interactive workshop that leads to a plan for the future -parents s agents of change and guarantors of quality.**

**3:30--4:00**

**Open Forum: Next Steps?**