Kildare & Leighlin Post-Primary

 Religious Education



 Annual Seminar for Religion Teachers

(Inter Diocesan)

Tuesday

10th October 2017

Hotel Kilkenny

9.30am—3.30pm.

 9.30 am: Registration

 9.45 am: Welcome and Prayer

10.00 am: Dr. Martin Fitzgerald: *Education for*

 *Transformation; The Courage to Teach.*

11.15 am: Coffee Break.

11.30 am: Fr. Paddy Byrne *– Challenging Times.*

12.00 pm: Kate Liffey – National Director for Catechetics:

 *Religious Education and the New Junior Cycle Framework.*

12.45 pm. David Kennedy: *Catholic Schools Week and the*

 *World Meeting of Families 2018.*

 1.00 pm: Lunch

 2.00 pm: Jonny Somerville: ***NUA***

*Introducing an inspiring new resource from Scripture Union which seeks to open up discussions around faith with young people, the questions they may have, their searchings and longings.*

 3.10 pm: Concluding Meditation.

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The Presenters

**Dr. Martin Fitzgerald** is a Lecturer in Education and Human Development at the Limerick Institute of Technology, Tipperary Campus, Thurles He has worked as a teacher in both second and third level and has a particular interest in educational philosophy, assessment and development education.

**Fr. Paddy Byrne** is a priest in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin and has been chaplain in a variety of post-primary schools. He writes a weekly column for the Carlow Nationalist, produces a weekly blog on the parish website and has a wide following on Twitter - all testament to his gift for communication across the generations.

**Kate Liffey** is the National Director for Catechetics.

Before taking up this position she taught Religious Education and History for ten years; she has worked with the Edmund Rice Schools’ Trust supporting teachers in both primary and secondary schools and also held the position of Church Outreach Officer with Trocaire.

**David Kennedy** is a researcher for the CSP, ATCS, CPSMA, and WMOF 2018. He lectures part-time at DCU and Hibernia College and is a PhD candidate at the Institute of Education, DCU.

**Jonny Somerville** is a married man with 4 children who has worked with Scripture Union Ireland for more than ten years. He is passionate about faith development and his experiences have shown him that young people often struggle to discuss their doubts. For this reason, he has recently co-written and produced **NUA**, an 8 part film series that encourages questions, acknowledges doubt, and offers an engaging perspective on the Christian faith

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