



Association for Higher Education Access & Disability

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE AHEAD CONFERENCE 2012 DUBLIN CASTLE ON 15TH MARCH 2012

ACCESS TO TEACHER TRAINING FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, ENHANCING PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES.

*“You see things and I say why. I dream things that never were,
and I say why not!” George Bernard Shaw*

Keynote Speaker Professor Paul Connolly, Queens University Belfast.

AHEAD in collaboration with the Department of Education, the HEA and key stakeholders will host a conference on 15th March 2012 on Access to Teacher Training for students with disabilities. Teaching is a great profession and the aim of the event is to hear from teachers with disability and to consider the diversity of experience and knowledge they bring into education.

Teaching is changing and recognises the benefits of diversity in the classroom. This also applies to teachers with disabilities who bring a wealth of skill, technology and understanding of children with disabilities into teaching. However the nature of some student’s disability prompts concerns about their ability to meet program outcomes and registration criteria.

The time is right to tackle the challenges faced by colleges and students with disability in accessing teaching. The aim of the day will be to share knowledge about innovations in teaching, to review best practice nationally and internationally and to look at access in terms of evolving changes in the profession of teaching. Such discussion should result in a clearer understanding and consistent approach to access across the sectors.

This event is aimed primarily at teacher training providers at all levels, at teachers and inspectors in supervisory roles and will appeal to policy makers, professional bodies, career advisors and student teachers.

Are you interested in presenting a paper to add to the discussion.

If so please send a 300 word abstract by 14th January 2012

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