FIVE NATIONS NETWORK

Conference Programme 2014
Friday 28 – Saturday 29 November 2014
Venue: Europa Hotel, Belfast with offsite to Parliament Buildings

Citizenship and Identity:
socio-economic inequality, political identity and participation

The aims of this conference are to:

- bring together from across the five nations policy makers, practitioners and other stakeholders with an interest in citizenship and values education
- explore, discuss and debate the relationship between socio-economic inequality, political identity and political participation
- encourage new thinking and learning about citizenship and identities and promote dialogue across country partnerships
- explore the use of different pedagogies including digital technologies as effective teaching tools for teaching citizenship and identities
- reflect on the Five Nations Network and its future development.

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Friday 28 November 2014	
From 09.30	**Registration**
11.00-11.45	**Informal country group activity** • Group activity – participants bring 'symbols' of socio-economic inequality in their nations (a news headline, image, magazine cutting, anecdote) and discuss the implications for political identity and participation
11.45-12.15	**Welcome to the conference and programme orientation** **Liz Moorse and Deepa Shah**
12.15-13.15	**Lunch groups** Over lunch we discuss: • What is socio-economic inequality? • What is the relationship between socio-economic inequality, political identity and political participation? • What are the consequences of socio-economic inequality? • How does Citizenship education respond to that?
13.15-14.00	**Transfer to Parliament Buildings by coach**
14.00-15.00	**Welcome** **Roy Beggs, Deputy Speaker, Northern Ireland Assembly** **Keynote address** **Professor Pete Shirlow, Queen's University Belfast** **'What is socio-economic inequality? Some implications for political identity and participation.'** • Time for reflection and questions from the audience
15.15-16.15	**Seminars:** 1. **Identity, digital platforms and participation** 2. **Political and citizenship education in a divided society** 3. **How does social and economic identity influence political representation**

16.15-16.45	**Tour of NI Assembly in groups** (with overview of history)
16.45-17.30	**Return to Europa hotel by coach**
19.00	**Pre-dinner drinks (pay as you go)**
19.30	**Conference dinner**

Saturday 29 November 2014	

09.00-10.15	**Seminars 2**
	Seminars/workshop:
	   1. **Social inequalities and political engagement: How schools can respond**
	   2. **Palimpsest - debunking the myth of a single identity**
	   3. **Vicious and virtuous circles: how do we bridge the gap between young people and politics?**
	   4. **Teaching about Political identity and Equality in schools – Classroom methodologies and whole school approaches**
	   5. **Identity of Gypsy Travellers and the Impact of Citizenship Education**

10.15-10.30	**Tea and coffee**
10.30-11.30	**Key note** **Professor Tony Gallagher, Pro Vice Chancellor, Queen's University Belfast** **'What are the consequences of socio-economic inequality and how can Citizenship education respond?'** • Time for reflection and questions from the audience
11.30-12.15	**Guided discussions in country groups** Participants talk through the issues raised during the conference so far and identify three principles for teaching citizenship • Also opportunity to plan local country network activities
12.15-13.00	**Mixed Country groups** Country leads facilitate discussion to include sharing principles developed during the guided discussions
13.00-13.15	**Final plenary, feedback from guided country groups and mixed country groups on principles** **Conference close** • completion of evaluation forms
13.15- 14.15	**Lunch**