

**‘A Vision for North South Co-operation?’**

**North South Symposium on Education and Culture**

**Event Four, Linenhall Library, Belfast, Tuesday, 8 April, 2025**

10.30 - 11.00am	Registration
11.00 – 11.45	<b>Keynote Address on Education by Prof. Tony Gallagher, Queen’s University Belfast</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Prof. Brian Walker, President, The Irish Association
11.45– 12.45	<b>Education Practitioners’ perspectives</b>  <b>Panellists:</b> Dr. Anne Devlin, Economist, Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin (ESRI) Stephen Douthart, CEO, Middletown Centre for Autism Robin McLoughlin, OBE, Principal, Banbridge Academy and member of the Independent Review Panel of Education. Celeste O’Callaghan, Principal Officer, Curriculum and Assessment Policy, Department of Education, Ireland.  <b>Chair:</b> Dr. Conor O’Malley, Secretary, The Irish Association
12.45 – 1.30	Lunch
1.30 – 2.15	<b>Keynote Address on Culture by Bob Collins, former Director General of RTÉ and former Chief Commissioner of the Equality Commission and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Prof. Brian Walker, President, The Irish Association
2.15– 3.15	<b>Culture Practitioners’ perspectives</b>  <b>Panellists:</b> Tom Boland, Chair, National Youth Orchestra Ian Crozier, CEO, Ulster Scots Agency Seán Ó Coinn, CEO, Foras na Gaeilge Dr. Éimear O’Connor, Director of Collections and Access, National Museum of Ireland  <b>Chair:</b> Stephen Douds, Past President, The Irish Association
3.15 – 4.20	<b>Summing Up - Analysts’ perspectives</b>  <b>Panellists:</b> Liam Hannaway, Chair, Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI) Sam McBride, Journalist John D’Arcy, National Director, Open University in Ireland Anna Walsh, Director, Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig.  <b>Chair:</b> Dermot O’Doherty, Vice-President, The Irish Association
4.20 – 4.30	<b>Concluding remarks</b>  Prof. Brian Walker, President, The Irish Association