

## Engaging the Senses

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge | Wednesday 30 May 2018

MORNING – SYMPOSIUM		
TIME	ACTIVITY	FEATURING
9.30am	Registration, tea and coffee	
10am	Welcome: Setting the Scene	Helene Hugel, Director, Helium Arts Lucina Russell, Arts Officer, Kildare County Council Arts Service
10.15am	Keynote Address by Tim Webb	Tim Webb is one of the founders and the Artistic Director of London-based Oily Cart, a theatre company for audiences with complex disabilities. Tim will discuss the multi-sensory quality of Oily Cart's work and how the company engages with early years audiences.
10.45am	Presentation by Sinéad Roe, Sligo Early Intervention Service	Sinéad Roe, Senior Occupational Therapist with Sligo Early Intervention Service, explores the long-term benefits of multi-sensory play on participation, learning and development.
11.15am	<i>Tea &amp; Coffee</i>	
11.30am	Pop Up Picnic: A little piece of magic in the home	Helium Arts' creative team will share the work they have developed on the Pop Up Picnic through demonstration and conversation. Led by Director Joanna Williams and performers Thomas Johnston and Niamh Lawlor.
12pm	Panel Discussion: Integrating sensory performing arts in health and community settings	Chair: Lucina Russell, Arts Officer, Kildare County Council Arts Service Panel: Tim Webb, Oily Cart; Mary Joe Guilfoyle, Senior Liaison Nurse, Jack and Jill Children's Foundation; Pop Up Picnic creative team - Joanna Williams, Thomas Johnston and Niamh Lawlor; participating parent on the Pop Up Picnic
1pm	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Connect</i> with attendees over lunch and refreshments <i>Discover</i> the sensory delights of the Pop Up Picnic in this playful installation <i>Watch</i> the Pop Up Picnic come to life in this charming film
AFTERNOON – OPTIONAL PRACTICAL WORKSHOP		
2pm	Practical workshop: Engaging the senses in early years	Practitioners will explore how they can engage multiple senses when developing early years work with the Pop Up Picnic creative team: Joanna Williams, Thomas Johnston and Niamh Lawlor. Please note this workshop must be booked separately to the symposium and there are limited places.
4pm	Closing reflections over tea and coffee	Workshop attendees will be invited to reflect on their explorations from the practical workshop, facilitated by Joanna Williams.
4.15pm	Close	

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