

## UNITWIN UNESCO Chairs Programme

### UNESCO Chair Annual Progress Report

UNESCO Chair:	<b>Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy</b>
Institution:	<b>University of Ulster</b> Coleraine, BT52 1SA, Northern Ireland <a href="http://www.ulster.ac.uk">www.ulster.ac.uk</a>
Date Chair Established:	1999
Period of Activity Under Report:	August 2008 – July 2009
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#### **1. Executive Summary:**

*Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)  
(Not exceeding 500 words)*

The UNESCO Chair at the University of Ulster was established in 1999 and provided a basis for the establishment of a UNESCO Centre following a visit the Director-General of UNESCO in February 2001. The priority is research and development on Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy.

The UNESCO Centre has attracted more than £5.2 million of extra-budgetary funding, including £1.4m from Atlantic Philanthropies and a further £3.8m from a variety of sources including the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Nuffield Foundation, NI Department of Education, the Royal Irish Academy, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the European Union, UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank.

To date the Centre has completed more than 30 research and development projects. In a local context, projects have included government evaluations of community relations in Northern Ireland (NI); research into the impact of academic selection (with QUB) that has led to the abolition of the 'eleven-plus' from 2008; research into integrated education in NI funded by the Nuffield Foundation; the introduction of citizenship education based on human rights to the NI Curriculum for all schools from September 2008.

The UNESCO Centre has also received funding from DFID to establish an International Development programme. Highlights this year include:

- Hosting Annual Conference of UK UNESCO Chairs at University of Ulster (Belfast, 22-23 Jan 2009)
- Participation in UK National Commission for UNESCO, EFA Colloquium (London, 26 Jan 2009)
- Completion of a comparative research project funded by the EU on the role of education in dealing with the legacies of conflict involving children and young people in Northern Ireland and Bosnia Herzegovina. The report was launched at a conference attended by the Office of the First Minister (Belfast, 29 Jan 2009)
- Completion of NI data collection for the European Values Study [www.europeanvalues.nl](http://www.europeanvalues.nl)
- Establishment of an international development programme at the University of Ulster funded by DFID
- Participation in a research capacity-building project between Irish and African universities in Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda funded by Irish Aid [www.universitiesireland.ie/news/iap-launch.php](http://www.universitiesireland.ie/news/iap-launch.php)
- Participation in the Inter Agency Network for Education and Emergencies (INEE) Working Group on Education and Fragile States <http://www.ineesite.org/page.asp?pid=1488>

## 2) **Activities:**

*Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period*

### **a) Education/Training/Research**

*(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period)*

i) Education	EDU102: Introduction to International Development – 16 EDU103: The Role of Organisations in International Development – 16 EDU313: Development, Politics and Economics - 6 EGM346: Development, Environment and Society - 54
ii) Training	Teaching 1: Module at Access Level Module at Post Graduate Level for Prison Service Personnel  Teaching 2: Two Modules within M.Ed : Essential Learning for a Shared Society Learning practices for a Shared Society  Teaching 3 Teaching 4: Youth Conferencing Service Staff Two Modules on: Restorative Practices-History and Development  Teaching 5: Education and Conflict: Undergraduate Degree Programme- Education as a Minor  Teaching 6: Northern Ireland Democracy and Social Change Programme for US Exchange Students from the HECUA Programme
iii) Research	2006-09 International Development programme (Smith) DFID, £299,613  2007-08 Legacies of Conflict: The Basque Country, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Northern Ireland (Smith, Wilson, Magill), European Union, £169,000  2008-11 European Values Study (EVS) (Smith, Lewis, Montgomery), European Values Foundation, €58,285

### **b) Conferences/Meeting**

*(key conferences and meetings organised by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)*

- Keynote Speaker, PhD Programme, University College, Cork (Cork, 19 Sept 2008) <http://www.ucc.ie/en/mandc/news/newsarchive/2008PressReleases/fullstory,60946.en.html>
- INEE (Brussels, 27-31 Oct 2008) [http://www.ineesite.org/index.php/post/roundtable\\_on\\_education\\_finance\\_for\\_states\\_affected\\_by\\_fragility/](http://www.ineesite.org/index.php/post/roundtable_on_education_finance_for_states_affected_by_fragility/)
- Save The Children Conference, Education for Peace and Human Rights (Bosnia, 4-5 Dec 2008)
- Hosted UK UNESCO Chairs colloquium at University of Ulster (Belfast, 22-23 Jan 2009) [http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=58538&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=58538&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)
- UK National Commission for UNESCO's EFA Annual Colloquium (London, 26 Jan 2009) [http://www.unesco.org.uk/GMR\\_2009\\_seminar.htm](http://www.unesco.org.uk/GMR_2009_seminar.htm)
- Launch of "Voices of the Future" Report (Belfast, 29 Jan 2009) <http://unesco.ulster.ac.uk/news/conferences.html>
- Launch of Citizenship Report, (Stormont, Belfast, 2 Feb 2009) <http://unesco.ulster.ac.uk/news/conferences.html>
- Inauguration of UNESCO Chair, Galway (Galway, 4 Mar 2009) <http://www.childandfamilyresearch.ie/news-view.php?id=29> & [http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=58808&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=58808&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)
- ESRC TLRP (London, 19-20 Mar 2009) <http://www.tlrp.org/conference/2009/>
- INEE Conference (Istanbul, 30 Mar – 4 April 2009) [http://www.ineesite.org/index.php/post/global\\_consultation\\_2009/](http://www.ineesite.org/index.php/post/global_consultation_2009/)

- Children & Transitional Justice, Co-convened by UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and Harvard law School (Boston, 27-29 April 2009) [http://www.unicef-irc.org/knowledge\\_pages/resource\\_pages/tj\\_conference/index.html](http://www.unicef-irc.org/knowledge_pages/resource_pages/tj_conference/index.html)
- Presenter, Lessons Learned from post-conflict investments in education in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Northern Ireland (Washington, World Bank, 7 May 2009)
- ESRC TLRP Event (London, 15 May 2009) [http://www.tlrp-archive.org/cgi-bin/tlrp/news/news\\_log.pl?display=1242636866](http://www.tlrp-archive.org/cgi-bin/tlrp/news/news_log.pl?display=1242636866)
- Eliminating World Poverty (Belfast, 18 May 2009) <http://researchintouse.wordpress.com/2009/03/16/dfid%E2%80%99s-public-consultation-eliminating-world-poverty/>
- Keynote Speaker, Campus Engage (Dublin, 4-5 June 2009) <http://www.conference.campusengage.ie/site/view/65/>
- Speaker, Family Support Now (Galway, 18-19 June 2009) <http://www.conference.ie/Conferences/index.asp?Conference=56>
- UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education (Paris, 5-8 July 2009) <http://www.unesco.org/en/wche2009/>

**c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships**  
*(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions)*

- UNICEF Fieldwork (Bosnia, 12-24 Oct 2008)
- International development lecture series, Irish Minister for International Development (Oct 2008)
- Participation in Universities Ireland research capacity building workshop (Uganda, 10-14 Nov 2008)
- Hosted Dr Celeste Yeun, Hong Kong Institute of Education field visit to NI (Dec 2009)
- International conference - the role of higher education in development (Coleraine, 21-23 Apr 2009)
- Hosted USA Masters Students (Coleraine, 12 May 2009)
- Partnership with University of Limerick, Ireland for European Values Study (EVS) [www.europeanvalues.nl](http://www.europeanvalues.nl)
- Partnership with UNESCO Chair, University of Galway, Ireland on Wellbeing of Children in Ireland report

**d) Publications/Multimedia Materials**  
*(major publications and teaching/learning materials)*

<i>tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:</i>	[tick]	[no.]
Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (edited)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (chapters)	√	
Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research Reports	√	
Journal Articles (refereed)	√	
Conference Proceedings & Occasional Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Teaching/Learning Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Video)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.

**Publications this year:**

- Connolly, P.; Smith, A. and Kelly, B. (2009) The Development of an Ethnic Habitus Among Young Children in Northern Ireland, *European Early Childhood Education Research Journal* Vol. 17, No. 2, June 2009, 217–232.
- Magill, C.; Smith, A. and B. Hamber. (2009) *The Role of Education in Reconciliation*. Report for EU Peace and Reconciliation Fund. Coleraine, Ulster. (129 pages)
- Kerr, D.; Twine, C and Smith, A. (2008) Local and global education in the UK. In: Arthur; Davies and Hahn (Eds.) *SAGE handbook of education for citizenship and democracy*. London, Sage. pp252-263

**Selected previous publications:**

- Smith, A. (2007) Conflict and Education for All. In: Jones-Parry, R. (ed) *Commonwealth Education Partnerships 2007*, London, Commonwealth Secretariat, Nexus Strategic Partnerships. The official publication for the 16th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers, Cape Town. Cht 3, pp.65-91. ISBN: 9780954962913,
- Smith, A. (2007) Review. Devolution and Pluralism in Education in Northern Ireland, *British Journal of Educational Studies*, 55(2), 221-224.
- Smith, A. (2007) Education and Conflict: an emerging field of study In: Leach, F. and Dunne, M. (eds) *Education, Conflict and Reconciliation: International Perspectives*, Oxford, Peter Lang.
- Editorial Team (2007) A Human Rights-Based Approach to Education For All, UNESCO and UNICEF; Paris and New York, 2007. ISBN: 978-92-806-4188-2. <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0015/001548/154861E.pdf>
- Vaux, T., Smith, A. and Subba, S. (2006) Education For All in Nepal: Review from a conflict perspective, London, International Alert. Available at: <http://www.international-alert.org/publications/250.php>
- Niens, U., Reilly, J. and Smith, A. (2006) Human Rights Education as Part of the Peace Process in Northern Ireland, *Journal of Social Science Education* Vol. 1, 2006. Available at: <http://www.jsse.org/2006-1/index.html>
- Smith, A. (2005) Education in the Twenty-First Century: Conflict, Reconstruction and Reconciliation, *Compare*, Vol. 35, No. 4: 373-391.
- Smith, A. (2005) Investing in Systemic Change through Curriculum, Textbooks and Teachers, In: *Education, Social Cohesion and Diversity*, Washington, DC, The World Bank, Chapter 2, pp. 2-18. <http://info.worldbank.org/etools/docs/library/211190/Smith.pdf>
- Smith, A. & O Maoláin, C. (2004) Challenging Intolerance. *New Directions for Youth Development*. Harvard, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Jossey-Bass, Summer 2004, pp. 95-108.
- Smith, A. & Vaux, T. (2003) *Education, Conflict and International Development*. London, UK Department for International Development (DFID).
- Smith, A. Citizenship Education in Northern Ireland: beyond national identity? (2003) *Cambridge Journal of Education*, Vol.33, No.1, pp.15-31.
- Smith, A. Fountain, S. & McLean, H. (2002) *Civic Education in Primary and Secondary Schools in the Republic of Serbia*. Belgrade. UNICEF, UNESCO and Open Society Institute.
- Smith, A., Kerr, D. and McCartney, S. (2002) Citizenship Education in Britain and Ireland, *European Journal of Education*, Spring 2002, pp.179-192.
- Smith, A.(2001) Religious Segregation and the Emergence of Integrated Schools in Northern Ireland, *Oxford Review of Education*, Vol. 27, No. 4, pp.559-75.

**e) Other**

**(any other activities to report)**

During this period the UNESCO Chair was also involved in the following:

- External examiner PhD, Institute of Education, University of London (Feb, 2009)
- Associate Editor, Irish Educational Studies, Official Journal of the Educational Studies Association of Ireland
- Editorial Boards of Journal of Education, Citizenship and Social Justice (Sage) and International Journal of Development Education (Trentham)
- Journal Reviewer (Australian Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Educational Studies; European Journal of Education; Oxford Journal of Education)
- University of London, Institute of Education, Advisory Board for Development Education Research Centre
- Appointed to Irish Higher Education Authority (HEA), Working Group on the future of Humanities and Social Science Research (2008-09) <http://www.heai.ie/en/node/1057>

- Member of International Interagency Network on Education and Emergencies, Working Group on Education and Fragile States (2008-09) with senior representation from UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank, AusAid, CIDA, DFID, GTZ, USAID, <http://www.ineesite.org/page.asp?pid=1424>
- Country Director, European Values Study (2008-12) [www.europeanvalues.nl](http://www.europeanvalues.nl)

**3. Available Resources**  
*Overview of resources placed at the disposal of the Chair in the reporting period*

**a) Human Resources**

The UNESCO Chair in Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy is a full-time, permanent academic post based within the School of Education and funded by the University of Ulster.

The University also funds the costs of a full-time Senior Lecturer as Assistant Director for the UNESCO Centre.

All other posts are funded by extra-budgetary resources raised from external donors. During the current reporting period (2008-09) the number of externally-funded, full-time posts associated with the UNESCO Chair were:

- 1 Senior Lecturer
- 2 Lecturers
- 1 Research Fellow
- 1 Research Associate
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Student Placement (UU)
- 2 postgraduate PhD students

In addition, one staff member is seconded to the UNESCO Centre (Ms Carmel Gallagher on secondment from the NI curriculum authorities).

Prof Sean Farren, former NI Minister of Finance is an Honorary Professor at the UNESCO Centre and chairs an International Development Advisory Group that includes Myles Wickstead, former Chair UK Commission for Africa.

**b) Other Resources**

<i>tick sources of financial contribution</i>	Host Institution	[tick] √
	Partner Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Government Body	√
	Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)	√
	UNESCO	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other UN Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>
	IGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other Private	√

*Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.*

Since the Chair was established, £5.2 million of extra-budgetary funding has been raised, including £1.4m from Atlantic Philanthropies and a further £3.8m from a variety of sources including the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Nuffield Foundation, NI Department of Education, the Royal Irish Academy, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the European Union, UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank.

The University provides office space, heat, light etc recovered from overheads included in research grants.

During the current reporting period (2008-09) four external research grants were held:

- 2002-08 Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy (Smith) Atlantic Philanthropies, £1,358,114
- 2006-10 International Development programme (Smith) DFID, £299,613

2007-09 Legacies of Conflict: The Basque Country, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Northern Ireland  
(Smith, Wilson, Magill), European Union, £169,000

2008-11 European Values Study (EVS)  
(Smith, Lewis, Montgomery), European Values Foundation, €58,285

#### **4. Future Plans and Development Prospects:**

**Outline of action plan for the next biennium. And short/medium and long term development prospects. Please feel free to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 500 words)**

The UNESCO Chair at the University of Ulster is well-supported and will mark the ten-year anniversary of its establishment in 2010. In the short-term the University has confirmed its commitment to core posts and the medium term goals are to develop the research agenda in two main areas:

##### **1. Children and Young People**

The next phase of development involves the establishment of a three-year monitoring programme on the well-being of children in Ireland from a rights-based perspective. Plans are well-advanced to secure joint funding for close collaboration with the newly-established UNESCO Chair, based at the Child and Family Research Centre at the National University of Ireland, Galway. This Chair was launched by the President of Ireland in March 2009 and represents a unique opportunity for cross-border cooperation between the only two UNESCO Chairs on the island. The new research initiative will involve a bi-annual monitoring programme on the well-being of children in Ireland. The programme will provide high quality data and research syntheses as a basis for advocacy and impact on policy and practice related to the provision of children's services.

##### **2. Education, Conflict and International Development**

The UNESCO Chair will continue with research and development in the area of children, education and conflict. In the short term this will include continued participation in the International Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE), Working Group on education and fragility and the contribution of research papers relevant to the 2011 Education For All, Global Monitoring Report which will have a focus on education and conflict.