A Never-Ending Story? 
Reconceptualizing Initial Teacher Education in Ireland

The past decade has seen a significant change in how the Irish education system thinks about and engages with the process of initial teacher education. Dr. O’Hara’s talk will examine the impact of this ‘reconceptualization’ on teacher education, focusing in particular on the experience of Dublin City University, which has become the home of Ireland’s only Faculty of Education.

CTY Ireland – Helping Gifted Students to Reach Their Potential

CTY Ireland (CTYI) at Dublin City University is a not-for-profit organization that works with high ability children aged 6 to 16. CTYI offers fast paced university style courses for academically talented students from all over Ireland and overseas. CTYI was recently awarded an EU research grant to design an online program for teachers of gifted students in regular classrooms. Dr. O’Reilly’s talk will describe the work of CTYI in relation to gifted education in Ireland.