



24 January 2026

9.30 am - 4 pm

**RDS, Dublin**



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W I N T E R S C H O O L

## PROGRAMME

The times may vary on the day

9:30 - Registration

**Morning Session I Chair: Dr Sheila Donegan**

10:00 - Welcome: Marian Corcoran, RDS science committee

10:10 - Eoin Gill: Introducing the theme mind and matter

10:30 - Prof James O'Shea: Philosophy of mind in the early modern period

11:15 - Coffee break

**Morning Session II Chair: Dr Nora Salaberry**

11:30 - Prof Richard Roche: Mind and matter - a psychologist's viewpoint

12:15 - Brian Trench: Some RDS Boyle medallists

12:35 - Ella Nicholson: Mind and magic

13:00 - 14:15 Lunch break (lunch not provided)

**Afternoon Session Chair: Nollaig Healy**

14:15 - Prof Kevin Mitchell: Free agents - How life evolved the power to choose

**15:00 - PANEL DISCUSSION Chair: Dr Ida Milne**

With Prof James O'Shea, Dr Kevin Mitchell, Dr Keith Wilson

16:00 - Close