

# TEAM DDL

## DEVELOPMENTS

NEWSLETTER #5 JUNE 2022



## FOREWORD

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our 5th and final edition of the DDL Development's Newsletter for the academic year 2021-2022.

It has been a busy term and as always at DDLETB there has been so much happening in our schools and centres. It has been a joy to see all the activities, celebrations and news that happen daily in #Teamddletb on social media and to have the opportunity to attend some of these events. It is a testament to the teaching and learning, care and community spirit which exists in our schools and centres.

This edition of our newsletter will place a focus on our DDLETB Leadership Connect Programme. The TLP and MLP have been bigger and better than ever this year and it has been our absolute pleasure to work with the 180 participants, session facilitators and school and centre leaders.

We have been overwhelmed by the positive response to Leadership Connect and, in this edition, we will hear from some of our participants about their experiences and reflections on both programmes. We will also look at our Leadership Connect Graduation and Showcase, which took place on Thursday, May 12th. We were delighted to welcome so many participants and school/ Centre leaders to the event. It was a positive and uplifting evening, and it was lovely to finally meet participants face-to-face and celebrate in-person.

Thank you all for attending and thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm through-out the programmes. We would also like to thank our Senior Management Team at DDLETB and our colleagues on the Development Team for their constant support and guidance.

We hope you enjoy this final edition of our newsletter, and we wish you all the very best for the summer break. We will see you all again in September and we look forward to another productive and positive year for Team DDL.

**Caroline and Janet.**



**Caroline Daly**

Development Officer  
and Ethos Coordinator

**Janet Murphy**

Development Officer and  
Communications Officer





*Thank you*



## LEADERSHIP CONNECT PROGRAMME

An amazing first year for Leadership Connect has come to an end. We would like to thank the 180 participants and all those involved in making the programme such a huge success.

Thank you also to our School and Centre Leaders for their continued support for the programme and their school participants.

### Thank you to our external session facilitators:

- Harry Freeman
- Mark Fennell
- Shane Martin
- Jacinta Kitt

### and a special thank you to our Team DDLETB session facilitators:

- Adrian Flynn
- Noel Kelly
- Seán Smyth
- John Cronin
- Ian Malloy
- Michael Flynn
- Joy Uí Mhurchadha
- **and the Team from Lucan CC**  
Diane Birnie, Stephen Brett, Elaine Brady and Grainne Malone.

**Thank you for giving your time, energy and expertise to the programme and participants.**



Click link or scan QR code  
to view the PDF of all  
[TLP Posters](#)  
View our [Reflection video](#)

## To the TLP class of 2022

What a journey you have all been through!

From Noel Kelly's advice to make sure you believe,  
To John Cronin's focus on how a cultural leader achieves.  
Your dedication and passion always shone bright  
Even on Teams on cold Tuesday nights.

From Flipgrids to Mentis to Canvas and slides,  
The months and the sessions quickly went by.  
From action plans to outcomes to success outlined  
It's a wonder my Teams invites weren't all declined!

Michael Flynn gave us the secrets behind questions asked  
As some began to realise the enormity of the project task.  
Adrian Flynn showed us to plan for great things,  
While Ian Molloy advised us on the benefits reflection brings.

Jacinta Kitt made us laugh till our bellies ached,  
While homework submissions were occasionally late!  
Sean Smyth opened up and made us reflect,  
On the leaders within and maintaining true self-respect.

Joy Uí Mhurchadha explored practical school development skills,  
All the while applications forms were frantically being filled.  
But let's not forget the real winners in all,  
The learners impacted in ways big and small.

By the projects you lead and the developments you made,  
To improve their experience every day.  
Well-being, resilience, confidence and sport,  
You have touched the lives of a large DDL cohort.

Your passion and commitment was clear from start,  
You even rose to the challenge of the school ecology art!  
Projects completed despite all the other demands,  
We can rest assured the future of DDL is in very safe hands

I hope our paths cross many more times,  
And that memories of TLP in your mind will shine.  
Thank you for being such a pleasure to lead

Through DDL's TLP!

**Caroline Daly**



## TLP PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

The symbol of the paper aeroplane is used to identify the Leadership Connect programme. It is symbolic of gaining new perspectives and for the TLP project it's about the journey and not the destination. This year's programme saw 30 teams take on projects which ranged from student voice, wellbeing, developing confidence, improving mental health and physical health and everything in between. Each team gave generously of their time and commitment to ensure a positive impact on their learners and school communities. The criteria for selection was based on four categories.

1. Impact on learner/school community
2. Engagement with Programme
3. Contribution/teamwork/ team development
4. Links to school development/ statements of learning



In third place was the TLP Team from Rath Dara, led by their facilitator Craig Cunningham. This project put student wellbeing at the heart of their work, which aimed to enhance teaching and learning through mental and physical health and whose outcome was a number of incredible efforts to make positive connections within the school community.



In second place led by their facilitator Ross Murray was the Scoil Ghrainne CNS team. This project which put student voice at the heart of their work and aimed to build on the sense of community and encourage a shared experience within the student body by establishing a student council.



In first place led by their facilitator Mairin Brady, was the Fingal Community College TLP Team. This project looked at student experience and attitude to exams and aimed to encourage students to be independent and reflective learners and support them in alleviating nerves and anxiety.



## FINGAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fingal Community College are no strangers to the Leadership Connect Programme. Many of us have participated in the MLP programme over the past number of years. In 2019/20 we engaged with the TLP programme and led by Kate Urell we worked on a Parental Engagement initiative. Covid-19 interrupted our plans, but the resources we created then are still in use to this day. We were delighted to be involved in the programme again this year and are very grateful for all the support we have received along our journey.

When we first met, we all agreed that whatever we worked on, our students had to be at the centre of everything we did. We spoke to our students and asked them for ideas. Many of them were worried about the disruption caused by Covid-19 and one issue that came up again and again was a concern about coping with exams. Students also said that they struggled with knowing how to revise for tests. Our SSE strand was focused on differentiated classwork, so our TLP team decided to try to create a resource that could be used in all subjects which would expose students to challenging tasks that would promote reflection and independent learning.

It was important to us that students and staff were involved in the creation of the resource. We consulted several teachers, SNAs and our 5th Year prefects. We received lots of feedback which helped us adapt the resource accordingly before we sent it to print. We printed large posters and stuck them up in every classroom. We also shared the resource electronically using MS Teams. We surveyed staff and carried out focus groups with students towards the end of our project timeline as it is important to us that the resource remains useful to staff and students in the future. Our students gave us some fantastic feedback and made some suggestions on how we can improve the checklist for future use. We are taking all of their feedback on board and are adapting the resource to be used by students at home. The TLP programme runs for a relatively short period of time, but the impact of the project can last a lot longer.

Involvement in the TLP programme is so much more than the project you are working on. The various homework tasks and General Learning Sessions are extremely valuable forms of professional development. Our introductory video and action planning sessions made us stop and think carefully about why we got involved in this programme and what we hoped to achieve.

Creating our school Ecology afforded us a chance to reflect on the huge amount of work that goes on in our school and how it is all interconnected. Noel Kelly's Leadership session gave us practical advice on interview technique and becoming comfortable with speaking positively about our accomplishments. In the Reflective Leadership session, Ian Molloy helped us to consider what type of leaders we are and what our hopes are for the future. John Cronin helped us reflect on our school culture and reminded us that it is ok to make mistakes while Joy Ui Mhurchadha took us through the various elements of leadership which support school development.

At times our TLP journey was a little bumpy. Finding time to meet as a team was a challenge and like many school staff we were under huge pressure during the winter months. We worked very well as a team however and used MS Teams to collaborate online. We supported each other when the going got tough and we hit a few speed bumps. At all times we kept the students to the forefront of our minds and our goal of helping and supporting them kept the project on the road. As John Cronin reminded us all back in February....'working hard for something we don't care about is called stress; working hard for something we love is called passion.'

We are very grateful to the Senior Management Team in DDLETB for facilitating the TLP programme and to our own SMT and our colleagues in Fingal Community College for encouraging us to get involved and supporting our work in school. We are incredibly inspired by the work of Caroline Daly and the whole Development Team and don't take for granted the amount of planning and preparation that goes into making the programme such a success story. A million thanks to all involved,

**The Fingal Community College TLP Team 21/22**



Please ask me about  
**Topic being covered:**

**I should include:**

- the meaning of .....
- an experiment to show .....
- 5 examples of .....

**I might also include:**

- higher order questions.....

How well was I able to explain what I have been learning in 'insert subject'? Did you learn anything interesting?

Home Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

What we are going to be covering next: \_\_\_\_\_



**Checklist of Activities**

Write off at least 3 key words from your lesson. (Use a red pen to write them down!)	Share what you have learned today using symbols and other means. Be prepared to explain the relevance of the symbols/images you choose.	Create a mind map of what you have learned today. Make sure to include a central topic and at least 5 branches.
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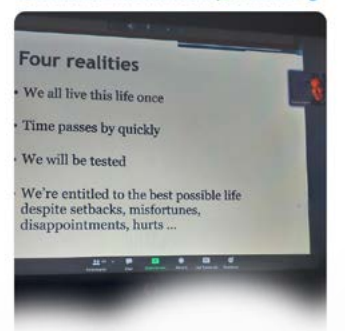


## MIDDLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

This was the first year of the redeveloped Middle Leadership Programme. We were delighted with the level of interest and the success of the programme.

Early last year we carried out extensive primary research into what was then the Middle Leadership Development Programme. Participants from various years were asked to complete a detailed survey, the results were collated, and a report was presented to our Senior Management Team. Based on these findings and recommendations we designed and developed this new year-long programme with an aim to increasing collaboration, leadership capacity and learning opportunities for participants.

This year, 57 participants took part in 7 MLP sessions and 2 (additional and optional) Leadership Connect Sessions. They were provided with a Leadership Connect Journal and the tools to aid reflection of their learning experiences. Sessions covered various topics from Leadership to Curriculum Planning, Organisational Skills to dealing with Stress and Anxiety and Emotionally Intelligent Leadership to Teamwork Skills. Participants demonstrated huge commitment and collaboration through-out the year and feedback on this new programme has been hugely positive. I would like to personally thank participants for making the programme such an enjoyable and collegial experience.



# HEAR *from our* PARTICIPANTS

*"I have now completed both courses and have nothing but good things to say about them and would recommend them to any employee of DDLETB. Since I started on the TLP course last year I've become an AP2 and am now applying for an AP1 Post. I'm not sure I would have been able to do so that if it weren't for both (TLP & MLP) programmes".*

**Tim Barwise, Oberstown Education Campus.**



*"I recently completed the Middle Leadership Programme (MLP). This has been one of those opportunities I had on my "to do" list for some time. I can only recommend do not leave it on your "to do" list. Next one is for you. You will not regret it.*

*I really enjoyed the wide variety of topics being presented each month. All the presentations were delivered by people who have a clear passion for education, and all had huge hands-on experience. Having all the excellent notes/PowerPoint presentations sent to all participants allowed an opportunity to be able to review and reflect again in your own time.*

*There was lots of excellent content. Meeting other Teachers from so many of the DDLETB schools/centres in the "breakout rooms" allowed a great opportunity to chat and compare. The new Journal was also an excellent reflective tool.*

*Thanks to all who organised especially Janet, who was an excellent communicator".*

**Siobhan Dunne, Blackrock Further Education Institute.**



*"I really enjoyed the MLP programme this year. Having taken part before in the previous MLDP programme I felt this year was a fantastic eclectic range of practical workshops examining topics such as collaboration, leadership, curriculum planning, self-care, time management and more. The flexibility of the online format suited my work/home life and I feel that I have benefited both personally and professionally by engaging with the programme".*

**Sean Murphy, Rath Dara CC.**





# HEAR *from our* PARTICIPANTS



**"As a participant of the MLP this year I found the programme informative and engaging, each session I learned something new. The format of one evening per month over the school term was very manageable. The content and information covered each session was relevant, insightful and relatable, particularly because a lot of the presenters were leaders within the DDLETB community. If you are given the opportunity to engage in this programme next year, I would recommend you do so".**

**Helen Rothwell, Ériu Community College.**



**"Bhain mé an-taitneamh as an gclár ó thús deireadh. Bhí mé an-tógtha le leagan amach gach seisiún– bhí na topaicí domhain, tomhaiste agus ábhartha; bhí mé in ann smaointe a roinnt le comhghleacaithe, bhí mé ag foghlaim faoi scoileanna eile agus conas a dhéanann siad rudaí, ach ní raibh mé ag súil leis an leibhéal tacaíochta agus comhoibrithe a tháinig tríd gach seisiún".**

*I thoroughly enjoyed the MLP programme from beginning to end. I was impressed by the make-up of each session – the topics were thoughtful, considered and relevant; the sharing of ideas with colleagues, learning about other schools and how they do things, but I wasn't prepared for the level of support and cooperation that came through in each session.*

**"Bhí sé go hiontach labhairt le daoine eile agus comhairle a fháil uathu. Bhí na seisiúin uilig an-phroifisiúnta agus oiriúnach. Baineann na topaicí a chlúdaíomar liomsa i mo scoil agus i mo ghairm bheatha. Thosaigh mé ag smaoineamh níos mó faoin ról atá agam i mo scoil, agus d'fhág mé gach seisiún le smaointe ar conas a d'fhéadfainn mo scoil a fhás agus a fhorbairt. Ba chlár fiúntach é seo a thug fuinneamh dom agus mé ag pleanáil don bhliain seo chugainn agus do mo ghairm bheatha".**


*It was great to speak with other people and get advice from them. Each session was professional and useful. The topics covered were relevant to me in my school life and in my career. Each session encouraged me to think more about my role in the school and I left each session with more ideas on how I could help to develop and grow my school and the community through my role. This was a very worthwhile programme that left me re-energised as I plan ahead for the next school year and for the next steps in my career.*


**Ciaran Ó Caomhanaigh, Gaelcholáiste Reachrann.**



 **Mairéad Mc Guire** @maireadmcg... · 11h  
Very much looking forward to this event tomorrow! 🥳 Excited to see the variety of #TLP projects.  
Best of luck and congratulations to our own TLP facilitator @MsNormaWalsh and team! 🎉 Congratulations also to our #MLP participants from CPSetantal! 🎉 #ddletb #TeamDDLETB

 **Janet Murphy** @JanetMurphy79 · 5d  
I am so excited to meet the #MLP and #TLP participants in-person at tomorrow's event. It has been a great year (despite being online). Thank you all for your support. It's going to be a wonderful evening! 🥳 #Teamddletb @ddletb #ddletbLeadershipConnect @MsCDaly #ddletbCPD

 **Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB** · 20h  
We are really looking forward to our first #ddletbLeadershipConnect programme Showcase and Graduation tomorrow. The event will be attended by both #TLP and #MLP participants and we can't wait to celebrate their achievements #Teamddletb #ddletb @ETBIreland @JanetMurphy79 @MsCDaly

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## LEADERSHIP CONNECT GRADUATION AND SHOWCASE

TLP and MLP Participants along with school and centre leaders were invited to the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght on May 12th to attend the Leadership Connect Graduation Ceremony and Showcase.

We were delighted to be able to celebrate in-person and the event was hugely successful. Participants had the opportunity to view displayed TLP projects and chat to the TLP teams about their projects. It was a very positive experience and the first time many of our participants, facilitators and coordinators met in-person. It was a wonderful opportunity for all participants of both MLP and TLP to meet, eat, chat and network.

Our Senior Management Team, CE Caitriona Murphy, Director of Schools Adrian Flynn and Director of Community National Schools Noel Kelly were also in attendance and presented participants of MLP and TLP with their certificates and TLP awards.



You can view a video of the event [here](#) - DDLETB Leadership Connect Programme Graduation and Showcase - May, 2022



# SSE 2021/2022

**The SSE Coordinators Network met in Head Office on 9th May for a great day of sharing and discussion on all things SSE related.**

Sean Smyth, Principal of Grange CC began our day looking at “The role of the Coordinator in Schools”, particularly in relation to new people who may have taken up the role recently. Mary Murphy, Deputy Principal, Kingswood CC, and her colleague Oide Eilish, brought us through a case study showing a 3-year SSE cycle explaining how they implemented “Universal Design for Learning (UDL) as a Whole School Endeavour”. Mark Fennell, (Educational consultant and lecturer in Education, Maynooth University) explored the concept of “SSE and School Improvement Planning”. Participants engaged in conversations about engaging staff in the process, gathering and using data effectively and using evidence of practice in the classroom as the basis for decision-making.

Peter Whitty, Deputy Principal, Colaiste Pobail Setanta, led the afternoon session, on “Planning for SSE in Our Schools 2022/2023. Familiarisation of the DES requirements in relation to Wellbeing will be a major focus for schools in the coming year. Peter outlined the resources available at present and set us on the right path for our SSE considerations for next year.

Eanna Ó Brádaigh from Apple Education, led us through a light-hearted but thought-provoking session on ‘Leading All Staff members in Change’.

Many thanks to all the SSE Coordinators for attending and participating on the day and to the SSE Focus Group for their work throughout the last year in leading and developing SSE for all schools and colleges across DDLETB.

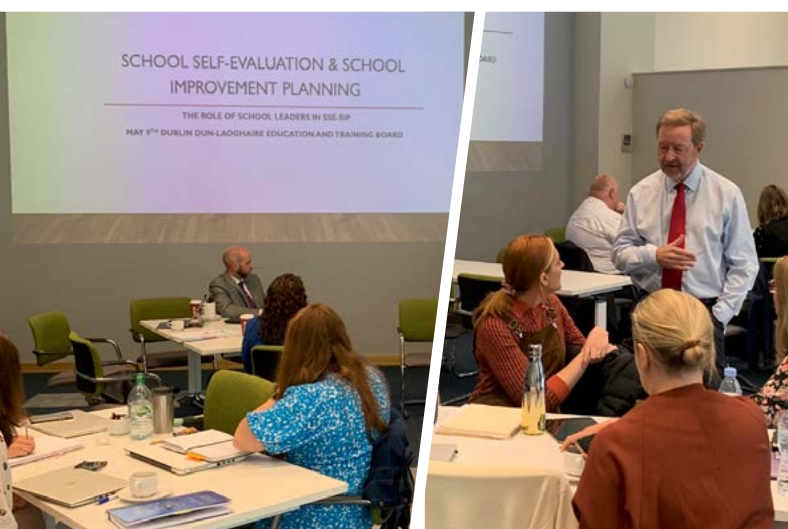
## COLÁISTE POBAIL SETANTA OUR SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION JOURNEY, 2021/22 “STUDENT SUPPORT HUBS”

In Coláiste Pobail Setanta we recognised that challenges arose in our school as a result of the pandemic, we felt that some students did not engage in remote learning and that teachers found it difficult to teach aspects of the curriculum on-line. With this in mind, we made a decision to use the SSE process to address some of the challenges that our school faced in the context of the pandemic. Together with our Senior Leadership Team, we created the concept of ‘Support Hubs’. The aim of the Support Hubs was to provide a dedicated week to offer support in a part of the curriculum that departments identified as a key area or skill that students may have missed out on during the last two years. We planned to hold three Support Hub weeks across the academic year, one each semester. Departments came together to identify the needs of their students and to agree appropriate content to deliver to each year group. We asked teachers to use data available, such as CAT4 scores and teacher knowledge, to focus on differentiation to ensure we were engaging all students. We hoped that during our Support Hub weeks, classes in each year group would be covering the same topic or skills and that ultimately students felt supported.

We ran our first Support Hub in October and our second in January. Our students took part in activities across the school that aimed to support or close any gaps in their learning. We had great examples across all departments of student engagement and Twitter was abuzz with examples of teaching and learning. Following both Support Hubs, our Planning for Learning Team collected feedback from the school community, our students, teachers and parents. We sent surveys and established a focus group through the Student Council. The feedback was invaluable and gave us some great data and areas for improvement and development that helped inform our planning for future Support Hubs.

We are looking forward to our final Support Hub after the Easter Break, where we have an opportunity to return to some teaching practises that we have been unable to do this year due to Covid restrictions. As our academic year draws to a close and teachers and students are focusing on exams, we are hoping that this week will be an engaging week of group work and active learning strategies and that our students will have benefitted from the initiative but also felt part of our SSE journey this year.

**Gráinne Gallagher**  
Curriculum Coordinator



# SKILLS FOR LIFE PROGRAMME




Well done to the students and teachers from Skerries CC, Kishoge CC and St. MacDara's CC as this month we saw the final submission of students' Skills for Life projects.

Here we see students from Skerries CC working on the final touches of their portfolios.



## JAMIE'S LEARNING JOURNAL



**SAEN Development & Support**

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúnaí: Dúblainn agus Dún Laoghaire  
Átha Cliath agus Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board


June 2022 Programme

### Summer CPD for Special Needs Assistants

14th & 15th June 2022



**Two Day Workshop**  
Green Room,  
Head Office, DDLETB

Supporting Positive Behaviour	School Inclusion Model	Register Here
<p>Facilitator: Joseph Lynch, Psychotherapist.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Linking Behaviour to Learning</li> <li>2. Understanding and managing Low-Level Behaviour</li> <li>3. Understanding and managing Higher-Level Behaviour</li> </ol>	<p>Facilitator: Frances Gibson, Development Officer, SAEN/DEIS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developing students' independence</li> <li>2. Additional Care Support Targets</li> <li>3. Developing person-centred approaches</li> </ol>	
<p><b>14th June 2022</b> 10 - 3.30pm Lunch Included</p>	<p><b>15th June 2022</b> 10 - 12.30pm</p>	

It's been a great year and we've really enjoyed working on the various school projects. Our last event for this term will be the SNA Summer Workshop on the 14th and 15th June. Please use the QR code to register for both days.





## MAY DAY FOR SUSTAINABILITY 2022 ETBI TAKE 1

May Day for Sustainability took place on May 10th and it was wonderful to see so many of our schools and centres getting involved and promoting ETB SDG's (Sustainable Development Goals). The initiative is part of the ETBI Take 1 Programme which supports ETB schools to communicate, raise awareness of, and embed Education for Sustainable Development as part of a broad curriculum, through the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

May Day for Sustainability is particularly significant this year following the recent announcement of the addition of Climate Action and Sustainable Development to the Senior Cycle curriculum.

In Head Office we celebrated by hosting a 'Sustainable Coffee Morning'. All produce was Fair Trade and sustainable and we were even treated to some home-made brownies made from fair trade chocolate and Irish ingredients. We also took the opportunity to encourage staff to bring back their 'Keep cups' for coffee and tea and water bottles.

Keep the 15 SDG's in your mind throughout the year. There are resources and activities available for all subject areas on [www.etb.ie](http://www.etb.ie)

**Deansrath Community College** · 4h  
To recognise ETBI's May Day for Sustainability, some of our 2nd Year students from Mr Fitzpatrick's Sustainable Living Class designed these excellent posters. To recognise their efforts they were presented with DCC's branded bottles for life! Well done all. 🌱♻️🌍  
@ETBIreland



**Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB** @dd... · 1d  
@TallaghtCNS doing wonderful work on their school grounds and gardens #etb\_sdgs sustainable goals and community development 🌱 #teamddletb @ddletbCNS @cnsireland @ETBIreland #ETBETHosinAction

**Tallaght CNS** @TallaghtCNS · 1d  
Check out some more photos of the fantastic day that we had in @TallaghtCNS yesterday. Thanks again to @litter\_mugs! We are delighted to be able to continue to develop the wonderful natural beauty of our school grounds 🌱🌿 @ddletbCNS @SDC\_Partnership



**Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB** @dd... · 1d  
Enjoying our fair trade treats #sustainability. Celebrating May Day for Sustainability #etb\_sdgs #ddletb #Teamddletb #SDGS14 @ETBIreland Let us know what you are planning! @ETBIreland #Take1 Embed Sustainable Development Goals #SDGS in your teaching and learning.



**Swords Community College** @swords\_cc  
The TY class also got involved in #etb\_sdgs by beginning to design and create a bug hotel to encourage biodiversity 🐛🐜🐝🐞🐟🐠🐡🐢🐊🐅🐆🐇🐈🐉🐊🐋🐌🐍🐎🐏🐑🐒🐓🐔🐕🐖🐗🐘🐙🐚🐛🐜🐝🐞🐟🐠🐡🐢🐊🐅🐆🐇🐈🐉🐊🐋🐌🐍🐎🐏🐑🐒🐓🐔🐕🐖🐗🐘🐙🐚🐛

#TeamDDLETB #SSGS



**Rath Dara Community College** @RathdaraCC  
We are celebrating #MayDay2022 #sustainability in #RCC and have created wonderful pieces for our school #environment. We have embedded #SDGs into our teaching and learning and have enjoyed the fun along the way! #etb\_sdgs @ddletb #teamddletb #reuse #recycle #reduce #RathdaraCC



**Oide Jessica** @OideJessica · 12h  
ETBI May Day for Sustainability @Kingswoodcc16 are working towards eliminating single use plastic 🌱 No need to buy plastic bottles anymore 🌱 #etb\_sdgs #ETBMayDay22



**Dublin & Dún Laoghaire ETB** @dd... · 1d  
Celebrating May Day for Sustainability today at #ddletb Head Office. A fair trade and sustainable coffee break. Promoting sustainable consumption #SDGS14 #etb\_sdgs #teamddletb @ETBIreland #sustainability #fairtrade @FAIRTRADE join us and make a difference! Take One 🌱 #takeone



**DDLETBCommunityColleges** @D... · 1d  
#Etb\_sdgs #Sustainabledevelopmentgoals #SDGs @ddletb #Teamddletb May Day 2022

**Swords Community College** · 2d  
Ready to kick off @ddletb Take 1 week of the sustainable development goals by ensuring the goals are visible around our school in both English and as Gaeilge for staff and students! #etb\_sdgs #ETBMayDay22  
Show this thread







### First Place:

### Second Place:

### Third Place:

**Seamus Mullan, 6th year,**  
**Lucan Community College**  
**Music:** *The Spirit of Ethos*  
*'You'll be ok, here comes the sun*  
*You feel it rushin' through your blood*  
*I'm gonna lift your spirits up*  
*You'll be ok, here comes the sun'*

## Runners Up:

1. Patricija Jankinaite & Teresa Niemirowska, 1st year, **Eriu Community College**, *Cake representing Ériu Ethos*

**2. Ellen Birnie,**  
**Lucan Community College**  
*Artwork on Student Voice*

**3. Clodagh Conway,  
Lucan Community College**  
*Artwork; The Ethos Tree*

## CELEBRATE OUR ETHOS STUDENT COMPETITION

This year our work on implementing the ETB Ethos Framework was conducted with four pilot schools: Balbriggan Community College, Castleknock Community College, Ériu Community College and Lucan Community College. Our aim for the year was to raise awareness among these school communities. Following an initiative to raise awareness with students around our ethos and core values, which included a lesson on the spirit of DDL, a student art competition took place.

We received hundreds of entries, through all mediums of art, which captured the student experience of what life is like in a DDLETB school. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to the Ethos leads; Ciara Grant from Balbriggan CC, Pamela Dunne from Castleknock CC, Alice McVeigh from Ériu CC and Nimah Gallagher and Vivienne Conway from Lucan CC, for all their hard work this year.





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST WINNERS OF THE NEW SPIRIT OF DDL AWARD

The Spirit of DDL Award was chosen by the staff of each school and the selection was based on our ethos and core values of care, respect, community, equality and excellence in education.

The winning students have been chosen as they have exemplified at least one of our values both in and outside the classroom.



**Precious Adeoye**

6th Year  
Castleknock  
Community College



**Yasmin Aminou**

6th Year  
Lucan  
Community College



**Miroslav Pompa**

2nd year  
Balbriggan  
Community College

## CITYWEST AND SAGGART CNS OFFICIAL OPENING

Citywest & Saggart Community National School, formally Scoil Niamh was established in 2012 by then principal Seamus Conboy (ETBI). The school opened alongside Citywest Educate Together.

Since opening its doors in 2012, Citywest and Saggart CNS has grown to become an innovative and vibrant learning environment. The school now caters for 448 children from infants to 6th class and welcomed two classes of children with Autism in 2020.

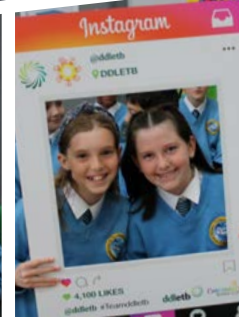
In 2019, the completion of the permanent school site was greeted with great joy and excitement, only to be overshadowed by the pending pandemic. However, following two years of restrictions, both school communities came together to celebrate and mark the official opening of a state of the art multi-denominational campus in the Citywest area.

It was a wonderful day and was attended by our CE Caitríona Murphy, Director of Schools Noel Kelly, the Mayor of South Dublin Peter Kavanagh, members of the managing body for Citywest ETNS, both school communities and the wider Citywest and Saggart community. An Oak tree was planted and a plaque unveiled between both schools. Attendees were entertained by the students of Citywest and Saggart CNS who sang and performed an original song written by a parent. The official event was followed by an international food fair in the school hall and a family fun day on the grounds of the campus.

Principal Michael Byrne and his team worked tirelessly to ensure the day was a huge success and a fitting celebration for the whole school community.

**“It was with great pleasure that following two years of waiting, we could mark the significance of this new campus. The two schools work very closely together to serve the local community and wished to celebrate together with the whole school communities ”**

**Michael Byrne,**  
Principal of Citywest and  
Saggart CNS (DDLETB).





## DIGITAL SCHOOLS AWARD FOR LUCAN CNS



The Digital Schools of Europe (DSOE) award, supported by the European Commission, was originally set up for secondary schools across Europe to recognise the use of digital technology to deliver the best educational experience for pupils.

Recently, the programme was extended to Primary Schools and Lucan CNS have just become the proud recipients of this prestigious award. In fact, they are the first Primary School to receive the award.

Lucan CNS became aware of the programme through the local education centre Dublin West Education Centre (DWEC) and decided to apply given that the ideals of the award aligned with the vision and mission of Lucan CNS as a digital school.

A huge amount of work and dedication has gone into the successful application for the award. It was an extremely proud day for the whole school community and for DDLETB as their managing and supporting body.

*"We here at Lucan CNS are very proud to be the first primary school recipients of the Digital Schools of Europe Award in Ireland. We would like to thank our patron and our school community for their ongoing support and encouragement of the school's vision - to provide a primary education which is reflective of 21st Century Ireland".*

**Claire Downes, Principal, Lucan CNS.**

Huge congratulations to all involved, in particular, the Management Team at Lucan CNS and the schools' digital leads Paul O'Callaghan & Laura Duff.



Caitiona Murphy CEO DDLETB,  
MEP Frances Fitzgerald, Claire Downes Principal,  
Noel Kelly DoS DDLETB





## KINGSWOOD CC HAS A NEW ADDITION...

Kara joined Kingswood Community College on Monday 23rd May. Kara will be in school every day and will spend a lot of her time in An Ríocht in the college. Kara has completed intensive training with the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind in Cork and will live with Deputy Principal Mary Murphy and her family.

Kara will be a wonderful addition to the school community who have all engaged in a whole school zoom information session with the Irish Guide Dogs for the blind.

The whole school community will do a fundraiser walk on Friday 27th May, the national fundraising day for the Irish Guide dogs for the Blind who do amazing work training dogs as well as helping and supporting people across the country.

Congratulations to  
Kingswood Community College  
on welcoming Kara.  
We look forward to hearing  
about all her adventures!







# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NETWORK

## NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S TEAM BUILDING AND WELLBEING

At the start of the term a long-awaited opportunity to meet with all the new Deputy Principals to DDL took place in Donabate Community College. The day was an opportunity to reflect on the role, have some fun and connect with colleagues. The day concluded with a wellbeing walk on the beach.

A big thank you to Donabate Community College for being such wonderful hosts and to Principal Anthony Creevey for leading the group through a session which prompted insightful reflection.



Click here to  
[view a little video of the day](#)



**The Development Team** love receiving post from schools, especially when it gives us such an insight into your learning communities. Well done to Rath Dara CC and St Mac Dara's CC on these excellent publications, they were both really enjoyable reads!



## BALBRIGGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A massive congratulations to Balbriggan Community College who received the award for Water Regional School and National School winners for Green Schools Ireland and Irish Water. The school were announced the winners after being successfully inspected for the water flag by Fingal County Council. The TLP project 'Lift the lid on recycling', was part of the report as well as all the incredible work done by the student committee.



## DDLETB WELLBEING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have continued to promote and encourage positive mental health and wellbeing amongst #Teamddletb. This term we offered a session with Mr. Tom Coleman, Wellbeing expert and Sleep Coach to our entire ddletb community. The session was held online and Tom again, gave us practical tips and aids to help improve our sleep and general health and wellbeing.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> we hosted 2, in-person sessions for our School Leaders with Mr. Declan Coyle. Declan is renowned author of 'The Green Platform', the philosophy of which has transformed lives all over the world.

Declan's sessions were insightful, thought-provoking, entertaining and bursting with positivity.

You can find out more about both speakers here:

[www.tomcoleman.ie](http://www.tomcoleman.ie)

[www.andec.ie](http://www.andec.ie) and [www.thegreenplatform.com](http://www.thegreenplatform.com)





## ADAMSTOWN CC CELEBRATE DIVERSITY.

This year, as part of their TLP project, a group of teachers at Adamstown Community College (Briana Fitzsimons, Heather Byrne, Jim Finn, Robert Molumby and Andrew Flynn) decided to focus on the Celebration of Diversity at ACC, and as part of that project, the group created a Diversity Committee, made up of TY students and teachers.

One major undertaking for the group this year was the painting of a mural that represented what diversity means to the student community at ACC.

A competition was held and a large number of student submissions were considered, before landing on two designs from two third year students, which were put together beautifully by Elizabeth Kavanagh, one of the art teachers at ACC. All that was left to do was secure funding and enlist the help of a mural artist, Shane Ha, and the rest is history!

This project was partially funded by South Dublin County Council, and supported wholeheartedly by the Mayor of South Dublin, Peter Kavanagh. The ACC Parents Council also contributed a significant amount of funding to this project.

We are so grateful for all the support and love from our partners and our community and we are so proud of our artists Alisa Kuznetsova and Róisín Masamba, both in 3rd Year at Adamstown CC.



## DDLETB HR DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN BUSY!

Our DDLETB Human Resource Department have been working tirelessly over recent months to prepare for Recruitment Fairs with the University of Limerick and DCU (Dublin City University). They have developed many new resources and publicity materials for DDLETB and have been delighted that so many of our teaching staff have got involved in testimonials and events.

You can [view their new recruitment video here](#)

Thank you to all involved!

If you have any questions or queries for HR please contact [hrdept@ddletb.ie](mailto:hrdept@ddletb.ie)



## SOCIAL/ DIGITAL MEDIA

Our Digital Media Strategy Team have been busy as usual this term. We have now developed our Digital Media Network with SM Coordinators from our schools and centres. If you have not yet joined our Team, please contact [JanetMurphy@ddletb.ie](mailto:JanetMurphy@ddletb.ie). We will begin to provide ongoing training, support and guidance in September and look forward to linking in with our SM leads and strengthening our DDLETB community.

Don't forget you can also follow our DDLETB Youthreach, Adult Education and Further Education centres.



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