

TEAM DDL DEVELOPMENTS

NEWSLETTER #1 NOV 2021



INTRODUCTION



It is very exciting to open the first edition of this the new Development Team newsletter. It captures all the good news stories from across our schools in one place. It also highlights the transformative work of teachers in our schools and the leadership of learning that is occurring for every learner. We are leading the educational landscape as ETB schools in terms of our lived core values of care, equality, community, respect and excellence in education. We have a bright future ahead with this work which defines our ETB school ethos.

It is encouraging to see how teachers are scaffolded by the work of our varied networks of excellence from EAL to SEN/DEIS to our professional development programmes of TLP and MLP. I would like to extend my thanks to the Development Team in DDLETB. It is fantastic to work with you.

We hope this newsletter will be useful for schools to keep them informed of all that is going on. One will be circulated every term with all the news and important dates and it is a great opportunity for us as an organisation to see what is happening in each other's schools as well as celebrate all the work!

Mr. Adrian P Flynn



ANIT- BIAS ANTI-RACISM TRAINING


Briana Fitzsimons, Teacher of SEN/English in Adamstown CC and Education Coordinator for Black & Irish, will be facilitating an engaging session on 'Anti-Bias, Anti-Racism' this November to DDL teachers. This certified course will run over three consecutive Wednesday evenings starting on November 3rd. Registration is essential. Scan the QR code. Or [Click here to register.](#)



ETHOS IN ACTION

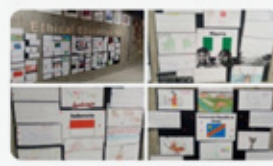
'In an ETB school, community encompasses students, staff, parents and the local community. It is about having shared vision, values and purpose, a sense of belonging, and a voice that is listened to. It is exemplified in productive collaboration, positive contributions, and effective communication across all members of the school community

ETBI Patron's Framework on Ethos, pg 13

 **Louise Byrne @MsB...**
Sing sing sing 🎵 So wonderful to have the school choir back together on Friday!
[@FingalCC](#) [@FCCExtraCurric](#)



 **Kishoge CC @Kishog...**
Outstanding posters by 2nd & 3rd years on our Ethical Ed wall - we want to #CelebrateDiversity during Racial Justice Week 🇮🇪🇬🇧🇩🇪
[@EducateTogether](#)
[@ddletb](#) [@WorldWise_Ir](#)



 **St. Mac Dara's Com...**
Heading into year 3 of Autism Friendly Schools - here is a sneak peak of our sensory garden, created by some fantastic students
[@AslAmIreland](#)
[#SayYesToAutism](#)
[#AutismFriendlySchools](#)



EAL/ESOL LANGUAGE TESTING ACROSS DDLETB

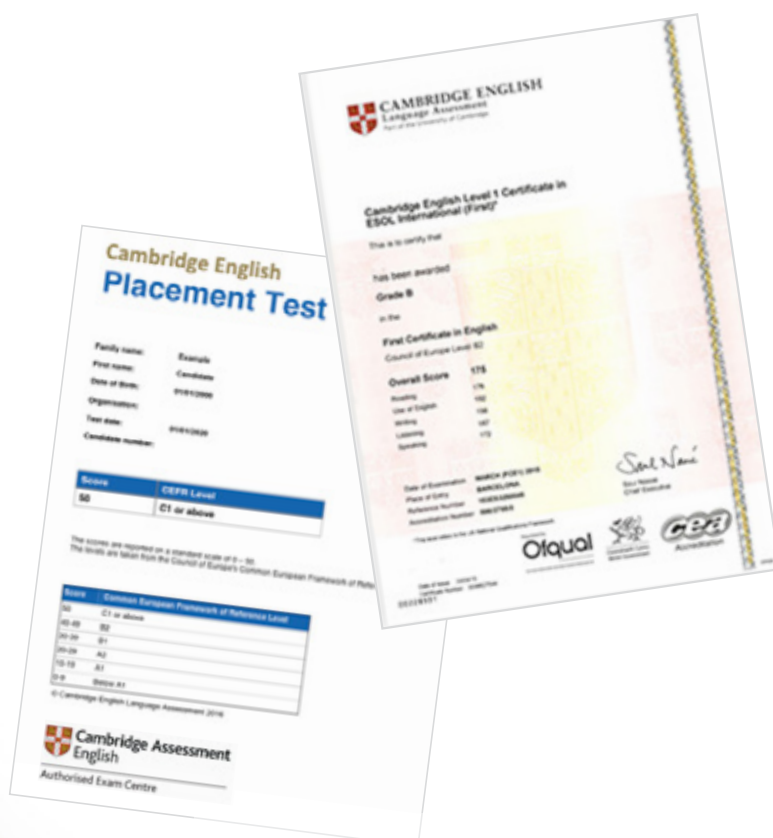
English language testing has taken place so far this term in 24 DDLETB venues (Colleges of FE, Adult Education Centres and post primary schools) sometimes over 2 days using the adaptive online Cambridge English Placement test to ensure students get accurate and reliable 1:1 feedback on where they are with their English language skills and to ensure they know how to improve. A report is sent home to parents so they know the work being done to track and monitor language development in DDLETB schools. The data can be used for School Self Evaluation, to identify learning loss and focus on wellbeing.

The **reading competition** for EAL students across DDLETB post primary schools is taking place again this term. Data generated from online testing has helped to identify very worthy candidates so far from St Finian's CC, Griffeen CC, Rath Dara CC, Balbriggan CC (a student who transferred to Skerries CC), Kishoge CC, St Kevin's CC. In the coming weeks, more students who have put in a big effort to improve their language skills in the last year will no doubt be identified and put forward for the competition. Prizes will be given out the week before the Christmas break.

Cambridge exams

(B1 Preliminary and B2 First) were held over lockdown - in July 2020 and May 2021 and will be held again in May 2022. Please give priority to the language learning of EAL students in TY. In this way, they can reach their potential in senior cycle and leave our schools with choices. Students in TY and 6th year do not pay exam fees for this internationally-recognised certification.

For further information please contact marykenny@ddletb.ie



UPCOMING EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2021

Universal Design for Learning - UDL Badge

Supporting ALL in the classroom.

This term sees the rollout of our UDL digital badge course, developed with the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning, AHEAD and UCD Access & Lifelong Learning. The 10-week online course will provide you with a strong introduction to the Universal Design for Learning Framework and give you the opportunity to implement UDL approaches within the teaching activities you are currently undertaking.

What: 10 week Introductory course on Universal Design for Learning.

When: Nov 29th – Mar 2nd. General registration opens Nov 8th – 20th.

Course Structure: The course is made up of three key elements.

1. 5 short online modules building UDL knowledge and encouraging self-reflection + resources to explore

- Introducing Universal Design for Learning
- Examining Multiple Means of Engagement - the 'why' of learning
- Examining Multiple Means of Representation - the 'what' of learning
- Examining Multiple Means of Action and Expression - the 'how' of learning
- Reflecting On Your Practice

2. Group interactions with peers (either through a workshop format or via ongoing groups of three known as Peer Triads)

- Exploring the diversity in your school
- Looking at how UDL can help to reduce barriers to learning
- Discussion and brainstorming on how you can change your practice with UDL

3. UDL Redesign Activity

- Select a teaching activity you will deliver during the course (class/CBA/project/assignment)
- Redesign at least one aspect of the module using UDL principles (e.g. assessment, teaching materials, classroom resources, student activities etc.)
- Implement and deliver the redesigned activity
- Produce a short report (written or video) on the process of the redesign and implementation - both your experiences and your students



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Week No.	Commencing	Topic	Learner Effort = 25hrs
# 1	29 th Nov	Introduction & Orientation	02:00
# 2	6 th Dec	The Principles Examined and Reflecting on Your Practice	05:00
# 3	13 th Dec		
# 4	5 th Jan 21	Peer Engagement Workshop	03:30
# 5	12 th Jan	Planning & Implementation of UDL (mostly self directed)	12:30
# 6	19 th Jan		
# 7	26 th Jan		
# 8	2 nd Feb		
# 9	9 th Feb		
# 10	2 nd Mar	Reporting and Submission	02:00

Availability: Places will be allocated to any member of our school community that registers on a first come first served basis. Participants must have some teaching activity planned during week 5-9 (Jan 12th – Feb 9th) that they can work on as part of the UDL Redesign Activity (can be student support, individual class, group of classes, CPD training session or assignment - flexible).

[REGISTER NOW](#)



TLP TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Team Coláiste Pobail Setanta

“Creating Confidence in CPS!”

Team CP Setanta have identified a need to address confidence levels of learners. Their project will focus on developing students’ communication and collaboration skills, which will ultimately build their confidence and benefit their overall social and personal development. This will help to prepare students for the world of work and the social interactions that they encounter there.

The team are hoping that this will also improve their learner experience in school and boost their confidence.

A big thank you to Noel Kelly, Principal of Griffeen CC, for kicking off TLP with an engaging session; ‘Believe in yourself and Build you CV’. We hope all 120 teachers who attended came away feeling confident and informed.



Check out TLP Team CP Setanta’s Flipgrid video introducing their team.

Scan the code

Team Fingal

Team Fingal are making excellent progress in the planning phase. It was decided early on that a focus on wellbeing was important for the team and they also acknowledged the importance of ensuring that the TLP project supported the SSE process in the school. The team feel they have come up with a great way to develop resilience in exam students, as well as encouraging teachers to think more carefully about how they challenge more able students. Watch this space!!

Well done to TLP Team Fingal who also attended General Learning Session 1 as a team. Thanks to their Facilitator Mairin Brady for arranging this opportunity to engage and collaborate in true TLP and #Teamddletb spirit!



UPCOMING DATES

Anti-Bias, Anti-Racism Training:

Wednesday 3rd November

Wednesday 10th November

Wednesday 17th November

Deputy Principal Network Meeting

Friday 3rd December



Team Planning Session:

Tuesday 9th November

General Learning Session 2:

Organisational Success

Facilitated by Ian Molloy

Tuesday 7th December



General Learning Session 2:

Wellbeing *Facilitated by Shane Martin*

Thursday 11th November

General Learning Session 3:

Managing Change & Conflict

Facilitated by Mark Fennell

Tuesday 14th December



Leadership Connect Session 1:

Emotionally Intelligent Leadership

Facilitated by Seán Smyth,

Principal of Grange CC

Wednesday 24th November

MIDDLE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

This year's redeveloped Middle Leadership Programme has got off to a great start. Once again, we were overwhelmed with the level of interest from our DDLETB middle leaders in this programme. We have 54 participants from across our schools and centres and we are looking forward to the collaboration and sharing of experiences that this will bring.

We are excited about this new programme, and we feel that the schedule will be hugely beneficial to participants in their careers and that it will also greatly support them in their daily roles/duties in their schools and centres.

Our first session on October 14th with **Harry Freeman** (@HarryFreeman201) was highly successful and we look forward to meeting our participants again on **November 11th**.

In line with our Development Support Team priorities this second session will focus on Self-Care and Wellbeing and will be facilitated by the wonderful **Mr. Shane Martin**
www.moodwatchers.com

Session 3 will take place on **December 14th** and will focus on the area of 'Educational Culture and Managing Change', facilitated by **Dr. Mark Fennell**.
#ddletbLeadershipConnect

WE ARE #TEAMDDLETB

DDLETB is a large community, and you are all part of this wider educational network.

We are proud of the teaching, learning and many wonderful activities and events that take place every day in our schools and centres and we love to hear all about what's going. So, please make sure to follow and tag us on social media.
@ddletb, #Teamddletb, @ETBIreland.

We will comment on, share and repost your good news!

Let's celebrate together, the achievements of our staff, students, learners, school and centre communities.



FACILITATORS 2021- 2022

SCHOOL/ COLLEGE:

FACILITATOR:

Adamstown Community College	Briana Fitzsimons
Ardgillan Community College	James Boyle
Coláiste Pobail Fola	Ruth Walsh
Coláiste Pobail Setanta	Norma Walsh
Collinstown Park Community College	Anthony Dowling
Deansrath Community College	Fiona Buggy
Donabate Community College	Eimear Davis
Fingal Community College	Mairin Brady
Firhouse Community College	Daniel Loftus
Grange Community College	Niamh Malone
Greenhills Community College	Caitriona Rodgers
Griffeen Community College	Audrey Ward
Kingswood Community College	John Mahon
Kishoge Community College	Eva Brennan
Lucan Community College	John Paul Foley
Lusk Community College	Rachel deBhailis Wallace
Luttrellstown Community College	Seán Maguire
Rath Dara Community College	Craig Cunningham
Skerries Community College	Philip Duignan
St Finians Community College	Lana Farrell
St Kevins Community College	Niamh Regan
St Mac Dara's Community College	Naomhan O'Riordain
Swords Community College	Leanne Ryan
Coláiste de hIde	Meadhbh Ni Mhordha
Dundrum College of Further Education	Mary Henry
Citywest & Saggart Community National School	Patrick Mount
Scoil Aoife Community National School	Clíodhna Murray
Scoil Choilm Community National School	TBC
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