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Supporting Teaching and Learning in Clare

Clare Education Centre

Growing Skills, Building Futures

Professional Learning That Strengthens School Communities.

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A brief history

- **Clare Education Centre** owes its inception to a group of local teachers who came together in **1970**, to form a professional support group to examine ways of improving the delivery of education in Clare.
- With the introduction of the **“New Curriculum”** in **1971**, the Department of Education set about establishing a network of **Teachers’ Centres** to act as a focal point where teachers could meet in a professional capacity.
- In **1972 Ennis Teachers’ Centre** became the first organised teachers’ group in Ireland to seek recognition as a Teachers’ Centre.
- In **1996 Ennis Teachers’ Centre** received recognition from The Department of Education as a **Full-Time Centre**.
- In **2000** funding was provided by The Department of Education for the construction of a permanent building at our current location.



Education Support Centres Ireland <<<<

Clare Education Centre is part of the **Education Support Centres of Ireland (ESCI)** network comprising **21 Full-time** and **7 Part-time** centres dedicated to providing professional development and support to educators nationwide. The role of Clare Education Centre, like other centres in the ESCI network, revolves around **enhancing the quality of teaching and learning** by offering a range of services to teachers, school leaders, and the wider educational community.

Clare Education Centre

Clare Education Centre provides professional learning and supports for **45** Early Learning and Care facilities, **111** Primary schools and **18** post primary schools in Clare.



Administrative Centre for National Programmes



Oide Leadership

Oide Leadership provides support to school leaders in **3,100 Primary Schools** and **720 Post-Primary Schools** in Ireland. Its programmes include Forbairt, Tánaiste, Misneach, Céim, Meitheal, and Tóraíocht, all designed to foster effective, collaborative, and reflective leadership across Irish schools.



Leaving Certificate Applied

Leaving Certificate Applied is a two-year programme focused on practical learning, personal development, and preparation for adult and working life, offering students an alternative pathway to the traditional Leaving Certificate. The programme is offered in **220 Post Primary Schools** in Ireland.



Maths Recovery

Maths Recovery is a professional development programme targeted at teachers in the **960 DEIS Primary Schools**. It helps teachers diagnose and address early mathematical difficulties, supporting children to develop strong foundational numeracy skills through individualised, evidence-based teaching approaches.



Mata sa Rang

Mata sa Rang is a whole-class numeracy programme that is offered to the **2140 Non-DEIS Primary Schools**. It equips teachers with strategies to enhance mathematical understanding and problem-solving among all pupils, building on the principles of Maths Recovery within the classroom setting.



Teacher Fee Refund Scheme

The **Teacher Fee Refund Scheme** provides a partial refund of fees to teachers who undertake approved courses of study relevant to teaching, learning, and school leadership, encouraging ongoing professional growth and upskilling within the education system.

Supporting our School Communities

Clare Education Centre provides a wide range of supports to local schools by providing resources and initiatives that enhance teaching and learning across all levels. Through collaboration with teachers, school leaders, and education partners, the Centre promotes innovation, inclusion, and continuous professional development to support the evolving needs of schools and their communities.



Arts in Education

Arts in Education initiatives connect artists, teachers, and pupils in meaningful learning experiences. In 2025-2026, **35% of schools** will participate in Arts in Education projects coordinated by Clare Education Centre.



STEAM

Clare Education Centre promotes innovation in teaching through its **STEAM** initiatives, including the **STEAM Community of Practice**, **STEAM In-School Support**, and **STEAM Workshops**. These programmes empower teachers to integrate STEAM in a hands-on way that inspire curiosity and creativity in learners.



Local Projects

Clare Education Centre leads innovative local projects such as **Agree to Agree**, **Raised on Songs and Stories**, and **G-Twinning**, which promote community engagement, cultural heritage, and the use of Irish in schools. These initiatives foster creativity, collaboration, and wellbeing across Clare's school communities.

Erasmus +

Clare Education Centre has a long association with Erasmus+ projects, fostering international collaboration and innovation in education. We are leading the **Erasmus+ PROTECT Project** and, as an **Erasmus+ Accredited** organisation, we provide **Job Shadowing** and **Training Course** opportunities for teachers in Clare.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING THAT STRENGTHENS SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Clare Education Centre provides high-quality professional learning for school communities, supporting excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership. Through a diverse programme of courses, workshops, and collaborative initiatives, the Centre responds to local needs while aligning with national education priorities. In 2024 there were approximately **26,000** attendees at Clare Education Centre events.



In Person

In 2024, Clare Education Centre hosted 526 in-person events at the Centre.

Attendees at these events accounted for 12% of total attendees.

Online

In 2024, Clare Education Centre hosted 531 online events.

Attendees at these events accounted for 88% of total attendees.

Conclusion

Clare Education Centre is honoured to lead the Erasmus+ PROTECT Project and to welcome all our European partners to Clare. Together, we are building a shared vision for climate action through education—empowering pupils, supporting teachers, and strengthening communities across Europe. We look forward to learning from one another and continuing this important journey of collaboration, creativity, and change.

