



CASE

Collaboration and Sharing in Education

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“CASE provides opportunities for pupils and staff from schools of different management types, and in some cases different jurisdictions, to engage in collaborative and meaningful learning experiences. The reconciliation element in Shared Education is of vital importance to our society, but CASE is also designed to deliver positive educational outcomes.”

Gavin Boyd, Chief Executive of the Education Authority



“Knowledge alone will not provide sufficient solutions for the world that the future generations need. What are required are soft skills, teaching teamwork, independent thinking, values, trust, collaboration. We can only hope for a better future, when CASE impacts on thousands of students and teachers embedding its principles into their work.”

Jim Mullin, Executive Director of Léargas

CASE Peace IV Shared Education Launch

Launch of the CASE (Collaboration and Sharing in Education) Peace IV Shared Education project took place on the 21st March in the Market Place Theatre, Armagh. The Education Authority (EA) in Northern Ireland has been working with its partner Léargas in the Republic of Ireland since September 2017 to deliver the Collaboration and Sharing in Education Project. CASE is funded by the European Union under the PEACE IV programme and is targeted at primary and post-primary schools in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties. The focus is to engage schools with little or no previous experience of providing shared education opportunities for children and young people. This project will aim to build a culture of good relations amongst children and young people in schools and equip them with the skills and attitudes needed to contribute to society, where collaboration and cooperation are the norm.

Delivery of the project aims will be through the provision of direct, sustained, curricular-based contact between children and teachers from all backgrounds. The project will support the growth of partnerships be-

tween schools from different sectors and types. Through collaborative working the



participating schools will promote good relations amongst pupils, staff and parents, enhance educational outcomes for all and provide shared professional development opportunities for teachers. Over a four year period, the CASE project, which will run until 2022, is intended to enable 280 schools and 135,000 pupils to take part in shared education through local partnerships on a cross-sectoral and cross-border basis and over 2000 teachers will be trained to facilitate and deliver at least 30 hours of shared education for the pupils involved.

Ahead of the official launch, 89 local partnerships involving just over

200 schools and approximately 11,000 pupils have been approved, with funding approaching €1million already committed. Six of the partnerships involved, featuring schools from Armagh, Cavan, Fermanagh and Banbridge showcased some of their shared education activities, involving robotics, chess, dance, music and numeracy at the CASE project launch.

The event was addressed by Department of Education Permanent Secretary Derek Baker, Education Authority Chief Executive Gavin Boyd, Léargas Executive Director Jim Mullin, SEUPB Chief Executive Gina McIntyre and guest speaker Michael Wardlow from the Equality Commission.

CASE are currently seeking applications for Cohort 2. The project is open to all schools in the six Border Counties of Ireland as well as schools in Northern Ireland which are not currently involved in the DSC Signature Project for Shared Education.

If you are interested in finding out more about CASE see the website www.peaceivni.org.



PARTNERSHIPS WHO DISPLAYED THEIR PROJECTS AT THE LAUNCH

Partnership

St Francis PS of Assisi (Keady) & Lisnadell PS (Armagh)

Displaying their numeracy project—problem solving through football.



Partnership

St. Clare's PS (Manorhamilton) & Enniskillen IPS

Displaying their numeracy and ICT project with chess and robotics.

Partnership

Ballydown PS (Banbridge) & St Francis' PS (Loughbrickland)

Displaying their Music project with their percussion orchestra.



Partnership

St Patricks PS (Coalisland) & Orchard County PS (Annaghmore)

Displaying their ICT project with programming.

Partnership

Hardy Memorial PS (Richill) & St Patrick's (Armagh)

Displaying their Music project with drumming.



Partnership

Royal School (Cavan) & Loreto College (Cavan)

Displaying their Music and Drama project.

