

# Collaboration and Sharing in Education

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Shared Education Week Planning Group

## Shared Education Week : Sharing the Present, Shaping the Future

Northern Ireland's first ever Shared Education Week takes place from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved in Shared Education to take part in a week of events and celebrations. We are delighted that through CASE we have the possibility of opening the opportunity of participation in the week to schools in the Border Counties. The objectives for the week are to:

**celebrate and share the success** of the Shared Education programmes being carried out in schools with their pupils, staff, parents and local communities; **raise awareness and promote a better understanding** of the nature, purpose, extent, value and impact of Shared Education in Northern Ireland; and **explore the future direction** of Shared Education.

Shared Education Week is being organised by the Shared Education Learning Forum (SELF) in partnership with key organisations involved in delivering and promoting Shared Education, good relations and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. These include: Department of Education, Education Authority, Community Relations Council, Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA), C2K, Community Relations in Schools (CRIS), Queen's University Belfast and Fermanagh Trust.

We appreciate that time and distance may be an issue in attending the events due to their location, however we would encourage you to **hold your own awareness and celebration activities during Shared Education Week**, for example by organising a shared assembly, class or activity to get the pupils, staff, parents and community involved

A range of events are being organised across Northern Ireland every day during the week. The launch event will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at Girdwood Community Hub in Belfast. The Department of Education is organising conferences on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> to showcase Shared Education. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> is our 'Community Day' and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> will consider 'Where to Next' for Shared Education. All information in relation to Shared Education Week 2018 is available at

[www.sharededucationweek.org](http://www.sharededucationweek.org)

The Shared Education journey in Northern Ireland is at a crucial stage as it begins to be mainstreamed and embedded into the education system. It is important to raise awareness and explore and debate its future direction to ensure that Shared Education provision is of the highest quality, continues to grow and develop, and adds real value to the educational experience and outcomes for our children and young people.

## Shared Opportunities for over 7,000 more children and young people

CASE is delighted to welcome over 60 new partnerships to the project, this means that an additional 6,500 children and young people will be engaging in school based shared education through direct, sustained, curricular-based contact.

These new partnerships will promote community cohesion, enhance educational outcomes and provide shared professional development opportunities for teachers.

*"Our school communities are delighted to be working together on a CASE Peace IV Shared Education project. The excitement among the pupils is building as they prepare to meet for the first phase of their project. The foundation stage children have been talking about getting the opportunity to learn together in the outdoors, while the key stage one children are excited about pushing their ICT skills even further by programming robots together!"*

We hope you will get involved by:

- Organising a shared education activity with your pupils, staff, parents and community
- Downloading the resource pack for schools at [www.sharededucationweek.org](http://www.sharededucationweek.org)
- Engaging with us on social media @SharedEdWeek
- Letting us know about your event by emailing [info@selfni.org](mailto:info@selfni.org)
- Attending one of the events organised during the week. Further details of the events and how to attend is available at [www.sharededucationweek.org](http://www.sharededucationweek.org)



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## Delivering Shared Education in the Classroom

Partnerships are invited to participate in a range of **Teacher Professional Learning Courses** which will be offered across a range of venues from October '18 – April '19.

**Registration** for each of the courses is now open at [www.rtuni.org/apply/application](http://www.rtuni.org/apply/application)

**Sub cover** is provided for each of the courses listed.

Please note: Staff who attended our Project Management, Link Teacher or Vision sessions between January '18 and May '18 need not attend again.

The 'Delivering Shared Education' session is designed specifically for those teachers actively engaged in the planning, delivery and evaluation of shared classes within their partnerships. It will be co-facilitated by experienced classroom practitioners alongside CASE Development Officers

**Target Audience** - All class teachers co-delivering collaborative Shared Education activities

**Course Objective** - To provide the time and the opportunity for classroom teachers to share their experiences and develop their understanding and practice of Shared Education

### Content -

- Explore the role of the teacher delivering shared

- education  
29th November—Omagh
- Examine effective planning and evaluation for shared activity  
29th November—Dundonald
- Consider approaches and methodologies most appropriate for use in shared classes  
15th January—Omagh  
15th January—Dundonald
- Encourage networking, communication and professional exchange  
17th January—NWTC  
17th January—Antrim
- Share potential/ongoing activity within and across Partnerships  
22nd January—Clounagh  
12th February—Omagh
- Support the delivery of the Action Plan activities  
12th February—Dundonald

### Some of the dates available

- 20th November—Clounagh
- 22nd November—Antrim
- 22nd November—NWTC
- 14th February—NWTC
- 14th February—Antrim
- 21st February—Clounagh

## Managing a Shared

### Programme

**Target Audience** - Shared Education Link Teacher or Co-ordinator

**Course Objectives**  
To share potential / ongoing activity within Partnerships and to explore the role and responsibilities associated with Link Teacher/Coordinator activities. To enable networking opportunities.

### Content

- Sharing experiences of your partner work to date
- The role of the Link Teacher
- Effective monitoring, evaluation and record keeping
- Action planning and target setting

### Dates Available

- 5th October—Omagh
- 11th October—LYIT
- 11th October—NWTC
- 11th October—Antrim
- 16th October—Clounagh
- 16th October—Dundonald
- 24th October—Monaaghan Education Centre
- 5th November—Clounagh
- 13th November—Dundonald
- 13th November—Omagh
- 15th November—NWTC
- 15th November—Antrim

## Developing a Shared Vision

**Target Audience** - Principal

**Course Objective**  
To support school leaders in the development of practices and processes which will enthuse and inspire school communities in the creation of vibrant, self-motivated, shared education partnerships.

### Content

- Use experiences of the programme so far to provide a context for a strategic understanding

- and sustainable approach to partnership development.
- Provide an opportunity to examine the Evaluation Framework for Shared Education
- Exploration of professional values
- Begin formulating a joint partnership vision
- 17th October—LYIT
- 23rd October—Omagh
- 23rd October—Clounagh
- 23rd October—Dundonald
- 25th October—NWTC
- 25th October—Antrim
- 9th April—NWTC
- 9th April—Antrim
- 11th April—Omagh
- 11th April—Dundonald Centre
- 16th April—Clounagh