



Educate Together Second-Level Project

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Petition Delivered



On January 28th supporters of the second level campaign joined with parents from Educate Together schools around the country and delivered the petition, containing over 6,000 signatures, to the Minister of Education and Science asking for Educate Together to be recognised as a patron of second-level schools as a matter of urgency.

At the press conference in Buswell's Hotel, Paul Rowe highlighted how Educate Together had over the past 30 years proven its 'capacity to open top-quality schools effectively and efficiently and to support those schools to deliver Educate Together's unique, equality-based ethos'. He also pointed out that 'far from there being any extra cost to the system in allowing us to proceed to second-level, this move would bring huge added value to a system in need of innovation'.



There was widespread national coverage of second-level petition event, including interviews on RTÉ News at One - [watch here](#), RTÉ Drivetime - [listen here](#), and IPPN News. Parents from Waterford Educate Together National School were interviewed for RTE news and Carol Dunne, from the Lucan Task Force was [interviewed](#) by the Irish Examiner.



TDs and Councillors from the different political parties also turned up on the day to give their backing to the call for Educate Together to be recognised as a patron at second-level.



We would like to thank everyone who took part on the day and all those who continue to support the campaign.

Second-level Groups Around the Country- on the Web, in the News

Parents involved in second level groups around the country continue to contribute to the vision of the Educate Together ethos at second-level. On some of their websites you can read in detail about their vision of an Educate Together second level school, as well as the many activities they have been involved in since they began their campaigns.

Check these out by clicking on the following links:

[Second-level Educate Together School for Waterford](#)

[Lucan Taskforce for an Educate Together Second-level School](#)

The newspaper articles below also highlight some of the work these groups have been involved in over the last 2 months. They give you a flavour of the variety of activities parents engage with as they continue to fight for an Educate Together secondary school for their children.

READ THE ARTICLES BELOW BY CLICKING ON THE LINK PROVIDED.

The launch of the **Lucan Second-level Task Force** website mentioned in last months newsletter made the news with...

Educate Together step up campaign for patronage

Educate Together members have launched a website to support the organisations push to be recognised as a post primary school patron. [Read more](#). >>>

With the announcement by the Department of Education and Science on the proposed new secondary school in Gorey, the **Gorey Educate Together second - level group** made the news with...

Educate Together group gathers 1,400 signatures in bid for control of school

EDUCATE Together has indicated its interest in taking on the patronage of the proposed new secondary school in Gorey. [Read more](#) >>>

The newly formed **GREYSTONES Second-Level Action Group** who held a very successful public meeting in November, followed up with a deputation to Greystones Town Council. Members of the deputation along with Amy Mulvihill from Educate Together head office, outlined details in relation to their proposals for a second level Educate Together School. Following discussions it was agreed that the group would research the requirements of the people of Greystones in relation to second level education facilities and would liaise with the County Wicklow VEC before meeting with the Council again. This meeting made the news with...

Campaign stepped up for Educate Together secondary level school

GREYSTONES Second-Level Action Group is stepping up its campaign for an Educate Together second level school in the town, having sent a deputation recently to Greystones Town Council. [Read more](#) >>>

Important Notice

Joining Forces Meeting Planned of all Second-level Groups

On February 24th a meeting is planned that will facilitate all second-level groups from around the country to meet, discuss and plan their continued campaign to open second-level schools in their areas.

Details:

Tuesday 24th February from 7:30 - 9:15pm in Gorey ETNS, Co. Wexford.

Make a donation to Educate Together

We need you to help us make our vision for the future of Irish education become a reality.

Your support can help us provide more schools which will guarantee equality for children of all cultures, religions and social backgrounds, fostering interaction and understanding, and ensuring that Ireland's future generations are best prepared for the 21st Century.

Ways to make a donation

- * Donate online at www.educatetogether.ie
- * Send a cheque to Educate Together
H8a Centrepoint, Oak Drive
Dublin 12
- * Or call us on +353 1 4292500 for other alternatives.



That's all for now. Don't forget to visit the second-level rooms in the forum and get chatting! www.educatetogetherforum.ie

FLORA Women's Mini Marathon 2009
Join the women in the National Office on June 1st
to raise money for the Educate Together National Office

Contact Masina Johnston on 01 4292500
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