



Educate Together Second-Level Project

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Lucan TDs to meet Minister for Education & Skills

We have learned that the Minister is meeting with Lucan area TDs next **Wednesday 2 June** to discuss second-level school provision in the area, following the recent review of the 2008 decision to sanction a VEC Community College in the South Lucan (Clonburriss) area.

This meeting could be crucial to the campaign for an Educate Together second-level school in Lucan, and it is vital that the Minister and TDs in Lucan understand the level of public support that exists for this development.

We are asking you to contact public representatives before the scheduled meeting next **Wed 2 June**. We have set up sample email texts (see link below) that you can use to declare your support for an Educate Together second-level school in Lucan.

<http://www.educatetogether.ie/?p=3924>

“Aim High” on Saturday 29 May

Join us at our 'Aim High' event at the Guinness Storehouse on **Sat 29 May** and help Educate Together achieve its ambition to open second-level schools. At 7.30pm there will be a launch of our second-level manifesto in the Gravity Bar, followed by a fundraising dinner in the Arrol Suite.



A magical evening is promised, with spectacular views of Dublin city by night, beautiful food and wine, and the opportunity to meet with people who can influence a decision on second-level patronage for Educate Together.

See our website for [Ticket Sales and Further Information](#)

Gorey Public meeting on 12 May

Over 100 people attended a public meeting on 12 May in Gorey, Co Wexford to renew calls for Educate Together to be appointed as patron of a new second-level school in the area.

Gorey Educate Together Second-level Committee and members of Educate Together's national office were joint hosts of the meeting at the town's Amber Springs Hotel.

At the meeting Emer Nowlan, Educate Together's Head of Education and Network Development presented on our Blueprint for Educate Together Second-level Schools. She and Paul Rowe, Educate Together's CEO, also answered questions on what exactly an Educate Together second-level school will be like.

The meeting was very positive, with lots of constructive questions and suggestions. There was evidence of broad support for Educate Together in the Gorey area.

Educate Together has already lodged an application on behalf of local parents to open an Educate Together second-level school in the town. Gorey ETNS, with over 250 pupils currently, will be a significant feeder into the proposed new second-level school.

Gorey Educate Together Second-level Committee was formed to campaign for an Educate Together second-level school in Gorey/North Wexford.

For more information about the Gorey campaign group go to:
<http://www.et2ndlevelgorey.com/>

Next Working Groups Meeting

The following second-level working groups will meet on the morning of **Saturday 12 June** at the Educate Together national offices in Dublin:

- Curriculum, Teaching & Learning
- Leadership, Management & Structure
- Ethical Curriculum

John O'Reilly, lecturer in education at the University of Limerick, will give a presentation based on integrated approaches to curriculum at second-level.



Julie Wilson, Deirdre Moffat and Leanne Caulfield from the Curriculum working group at the April meeting.

Following the presentation, each working group will meet to discuss their own topics and continue working towards their presentations for the General Members Meeting (GMM) later this year.

There will also be a display from the Campus & Built Environment working group's work with 6th class pupils, for other members to view and offer suggestions and comments.

Meetings with TDs

In the past six weeks representatives from Educate Together have had meetings with all Lucan TDs to discuss issues around the application to open an Educate Together second-level school in the Lucan area.

In April, Emer Nowlan, Head of Education and Network Development, went with parents from the Lucan Task Force to meet Minister Mary Harney. In May Emer met with Deputies John Curran (FF) and Paul Gogarty (Green), and on 12 May both Paul Rowe, CEO, and Emer Nowlan met with Deputy Joanna Tuffy (Labour).

Following some previous misinformation in local and national newspapers, the aim of these meetings was to clarify Educate Together policy in relation to enrolment policies and curriculum, as well as to lobby the TDs for their support.

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