# Educate Together

# Education & Support



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For Educate Together teachers and boards of management

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# **Ethical Education Conference 2016**

# **RAISING STUDENT VOICES**

Educate Together's Ethical Education Conference is the go-to event for teachers interested in Ethical Education. It offers teachers an opportunity to reflect, discuss, debate and network as well as to unwind and socialise at the Conference dinner.

In keeping with core Educate Together principles of equality and democratic decision-making the theme of this year's conference is *Raising Student Voices*. Keynote speakers are Dr Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children and internationally renowned, Professor Laura Lundy, from Queens University Belfast.

The programme offers a series of workshops with practical ideas and resources as well as both a TeachMeet and StudentMeet – see below for how you can get involved.

To register see ethicaleducation2016.eventbrite.ie. Tickets are €125; there are a limited number of early bird tickets for €100.

## **TeachMeet Call for Presenters**

What? Short 6 minute presentations by teachers for teachers on methodologies, resources and initiatives related to Ethical Education in the primary and post-primary sector.

When? Ethical Education Conference, Saturday 26th November, 2016 from 9.30-11am.

Why? It's a fun and informal approach to peer learning and there's the added bonus of audience participation rewarded by raffle prizes and TeachMeet goody bags.

Who? Whether you're participating or presenting, teachers with an appetite for spicing up their teaching will love TeachMeets. Simon Lewis (Carlow ETNS) and Rozz Lewis (Portlaoise ETNS) will run the workshops again this year. They were a big hit last year.

How? If you're interested in sharing your ideas or practice, as an individual or with others, please let us know by Friday 30th September, email: resources@educatetogether.ie

# StudentMeet for Primary and Second Level Students

What? The same idea as for the TeachMeet but this time with children and young people as the presenters of an idea or initiative they've led in their school. Presentations are 4-5 minutes.

When? Ethical Education Conference, Friday 25th November 5-6pm

Why? It's fun. Gives voice to student ideas. Raffle prizes and goody bags for the students and a discounted Conference fee for accompanying teachers.

How? Email: resources@educatetogether.ie by Friday, 30th September.

# **Second-level Student Council Training Workshop**

Ethical Education Conference, Friday 25th November 3-4.30pm

Is the Student Council in your school active and engaged? Do the students in your school have a voice? Are they being listened to?

Each Educate Together second level school is invited to send two members of the student council to attend a special training workshop facilitated by Joanna Siewierska, Vice President of the Irish Second-level Students Union (ISSU). Accompanying teachers will receive a discounted Conference rate. Further information email resources@educatetogether.ie

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# **Celebrations in Educate Together Schools**

As the long days of summer draw to a close and the signs of seasonal change appear, our thoughts may be drawn towards Autumn and Winter and their accompanying celebrations. To help you mark some of these important dates we've included the Ethical Education Year Wall Planner with this newsletter. **Mary Griffin** from **Rathfarnham ETNS** provides ideas below on how to integrate some of these dates into your lessons.







Something old, something new, something borrowed, something true...

The festivals and symbols of our ancestors and other cultures continue to impact on us today.

#### Christmas-Winter Solstice-Yule-Saturnalia

The period around the Winter Solstice in December has been marked for thousands of years in many cultures. In Neolithic Ireland the people of Brú na Boinne created Newgrange where the rays of the sun penetrate the back chamber at the solstice. The story of the rediscovery of Newgrange makes for a fascinating cross curricular project. In recent years the city of Dublin has held a Winter Solstice Celebration, culminating in a ceremony at Smithfield. Discussion of this event could be used to mesh the ancient with the modern.

The symbolism of light was also important in Scandinavian countries as the Norse people thought of the sun as a wheel (Houl-yule) which continually turned throughout the year. They celebrated the turning of the wheel by bringing light indoors at the darkest time of the year.

The symbolism of greenery as an emblem of the renewal of life provide the roots (no pun intended!) of our modern day Christmas tree. Christmas trees were popular in Germany over the centuries and the custom was popularised in England by Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. In earlier times the use of evergreen trees, wreaths and garlands was a feature of ancient Egyptian, Hebrew and Chinese cultures. The concept of sacred trees was also prevalent in pre-Christian Europe.

Saturnalia was a week-long Roman festival held around the middle of December to honour the deity Saturn. All work was suspended, presents were exchanged and mayhem and merry making ruled!

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival of light celebrated in December and in recent years the Hanukkah menorah has become a common feature in Irish homes.

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas but the season itself is an amalgam of many ancient traditions celebrating the renewal of life and light.

#### St.Brigid's Day

St. Brigid is the saint of animals, crops and healing. St Brigid's crosses, woven with rushes, were traditionally said to protect people and livestock. There are many similarities with the legends associated with the Celtic Goddess of fire, Brigit, who was associated with the renewal of the earth and birth of animals after the winter sleep. St. Brigid's crosses are based on an old Celtic sunburst pattern and so can be made to celebrate both traditions.

#### Bealtaine-Lughnasa-Samhain

In ancient Ireland, Bealtaine was the start of the Summer season and Lughnasa the harvest season. Bealtaine has Christian echoes in the veneration of Mary as Queen of the May. Lughnasa can be tied in with harvest festivals across many cultures.

Probably the festival with most resonance for us today is Samhain, Oíche Shamhna or Hallow'een. The bonfires and traditions of Celtic Ireland became entwined with the Christian commemoration of the dead (All Hallow's Eve) and modern day festivities.

In sum, old and new can be entwined to make many celebrations more inclusive, so we can all learn together.

The Educate Together Year Planner is available in hard copy and PDF formats. Article sources: www.rte.ie; www.bbc.co.uk/religions; www.britannica.com; www.worldheritageireland.ie

# **Educate Together Receives Significant Grant To Lead European Ethical Education Project**

Educate Together's Education and Support Programme led an application for European Funding under the Erasmus+ programme which supports education, training, youth and sport in Europe. It was an enormous vote of confidence in Educate Together that the application was successful and a grant of €284k awarded for the project titled 'Learn Together to Live Together - Teachers leading Ethical Education for an inclusive society', LITTLE for short.

Educate Together is the lead partner on the project, which also involves three European partners from Slovenia, Croatia and Italy. The project will run over three years and includes the design of a high-quality online interactive course for teachers as well as the development of good practice guides in Ethical Education.

The project will allow Educate Together further it's position as a leader of Ethical Education and develop our expertise by drawing on some the best practitioners and minds in the area of Ethical Education through our European partners.

Watch out for news and updates under the title of LITTLE (Erasmus+) as the project progresses.



# JUMP START YOUR YARD THIS SEPTEMBER

# Paul Knox, Castaheany ETNS

September is a busy time for schools and apart from the development of a supervision timetable, the school yard can very often be left to run itself. However, what happens in the yard can often complicate other areas of school life and therefore deserves more attention. Here are some simple steps to help develop structure on the yard, making it a happier and safer place for all.

## Short-term actions:

- Re-teach the rules and routines of the yard
   then go on a yard walk to talk about the application of these rules.
- Have after-break chats discuss solutions to vard-based issues.
- Teach simple lessons around friendship, problem solving skills and reporting.
- Use your PE lessons to teach simple yard games.
- Involve the whole staff in focusing on positive behaviour.
- Think about children with special educational needs and children for whom English is an additional language and buddy them up with their peers.
- Set up a staff email thread to discuss yard issues.



#### Long-term actions:

- Celebrate have a yard week to affirm the positive aspects of the yard.
- Record make a yard log book that's quick and easy to fill in, recording behaviour and first aid.
- Promote make a list of yard games that children have suggested and disseminate it throughout the school.
- Teach game skills emphasis the structure of a game in PE.
- Have support structures for children who are not getting the best out of the yard, possibly using mentors / older children.

#### Important issues

- Children who have allergies and conditions does everyone know who they are?
- Bumps to the head establish a procedure that includes a call home to inform the child's family.
- Code of Behaviour does the yard need different rules, rewards and consequences?

Hopefully these tips will help you jump start your yard and keep it running smoothly for the whole year!

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# **Welcome to New Schools!**

# **Primary**

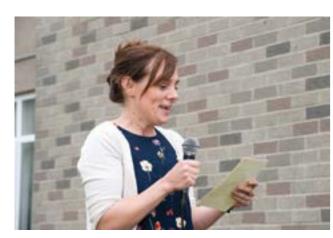
This September four new Educate Together primary schools opened bringing the total to 81. We welcome four new Principals: Sarah Calvey of Castlebar ETNS; Marcus Wynne of Grace Park ETNS in Drumcondra; Margaret Burke of Riverside ETNS in Dublin 12, and Aisling McQuaid of Broombridge ETNS, Cabra.

## **Second-level**

We also saw the opening this month of five new second-level Educate Together schools bringing the total number of second-level schools in the network to nine. Educate Together is sole patron of Bremore ETSS in Balbriggan, Stepaside ETSS, North Wicklow ETSS, and Cork ETSS and is Trustee Partner with City of Dublin ETB in Clonturk Community College in Drumcondra.

The principals of the five new schools, Kathy Jones, Barbara Mulhall, Jonathan Browner, Colm O'Connor and Susan Campbell bring a range of experience with them and are looking forward to working with other schools in the network.

Educate Together will host a principal networking event on October 14th where principals from all Educate Together second-level schools will meet to discuss future plans for Educate Together at second-level. Students and teachers will also have the opportunity to meet and work together during the year through projects like WorldWise Global Schools and at the Educate Together Ethical Education Conference on 25th and 26th November.



Margaret Burke, Principal of Riverview ETNS, Limekiln Road. Dublin



Students of Cork ETSS with Principal Colm O'Connor (holding banner, right)



Principal Aisling McQuaid welcomes a brand new Junior Infant to Broombridge ETNS. Cabra



Principal of Bremore ETSS Kathy Jones consulting with students at the schools' first day



Principal Marcus Wynne, teacher Caroline Mee and the Junior Infants of Grace Park ETNS, Drumcondra, Dublin 9



Sarah Calvey, Principal, with a new pupil at Castlebar ETNS Principal Susan Campbell (centre) at the opening of



Principal Susan Campbell (centre) at the opening of Clonturk CC , Dublin 9



Barbara Mulhall, Principal of Stepaside ETSS on the first day of the new school



**Jonathan Browner, Principal of North Wicklow ETSS** 

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# **MEETING GOAL(S) IN ETHICAL EDUCATION**

Ethical Education is a core element of education in Educate Together schools. It helps to support the ethos and the principles of democratic, coeducational, equality-based and student-centred learning that characterises Educate Together schools

At second-level, the Ethical Education Curriculum aims to continue on from the *Learn Together* curriculum at primary to develop students' ethical, moral and intercultural awareness and competencies. Informing the curriculum at second-level is a focus on enhancing students' skills in communication, teamwork, problem solving and critical thinking.

The Ethical Education class provides a space for students to interrogate, discuss and debate important issues and to consider approaches and solutions to real-world problems. As a result, Ethical Education embodies a cross-curricular approach to teaching and learning. Sometimes it can be challenging to find the right angle to approach teaching in this way. A new resource from GOAL, developed with the help of Educate Together second-level teacher, **Mary Gormley**, provides a relevant and stimulating example of how this can be achieved and is perfect for use with students in the Ethical Education class.

Over the last year, Mary Gormley, a teacher at Celbridge Community School, has been working with GOAL to develop new lesson plans and resources that present students with real challenges to consider and solve. The lessons present students with problems that face GOAL staff in the countries they work in and encourage students to use the knowledge and skills they have developed in a range of areas like Geography, Maths, Science and Ethical Education, to formulate a solution. As lead teacher consultant on the project, Mary has been involved in creating five student centred, enquiry based lessons. The resource is part of a wider initiative that GOAL is bringing to Ireland called **Design for Change** (DFC). DFC is a worldwide initiative run in schools that inspires students to create change in their local and global community using a simple design thinking framework. Design for Change offers teachers a platform to support students to use design, creative and innovative thinking in the classroom linked with the curriculum and global



#### issues.

Working through the resources to develop solutions, second-level students will have the opportunity to enter their ideas in the Design for Change Schools Challenge. Students (in groups of 1-5) are invited to submit their Design for Change projects to dfc@goal.ie by Friday 17th February 2017 with winners announced during Engineers Week 4th - 10th March 2017. The top 10 winning projects will receive awards and will have a chance to present their ideas to businesses, students and the general public at a showcase event in Cork.

Speaking about the project, Dr Laura Dooley, Educate Together Second-level Education Officer, said:

"These lessons and resources fit well with the aim of the Ethical Education Curriculum to create students who are critical thinkers and problem solvers. In particular, the lessons relate to the development education and power and participation aspects of the curriculum. Approaches like this, which feature active methodologies and encourage students to view their learning as valuable to real-world situations and provide an opportunity for them to apply knowledge in a practical way, are perfect for use in the Ethical Education class."

To find out more about Design for Change, including how to access the resources developed by Mary and free workshops, go to www. goalglobal.org/education.

# WorldWise Global Schools Funding 2016/2017

The National Office was successful in its application for a grant from WorldWise Global Schools for Development Education this year. As part of the project, Educate Together will host a training event in September where two teachers from each second-level school will be invited to participate in a full-day session with a Development Education specialist. Teachers will have the opportunity to discuss and learn from previous years' projects and plan for the 2016/2017 school year during this session.

Last year four of our second level schools were awarded the WorldWise Global Schools Diplomatic Passport; here's a summary of what they did to achieve these awards:

- Ballymakenny College Through a crosscurricular approach involving CSPE, Geography, Ethical Education, History and PE, students studied World Hunger and Food Security and made a large wall display to demonstrate their learning.
- Celbridge Community School Focusing on sustainability, first year Technology students undertook a project to create a lamp using recycled materials.
- Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School – Fair Trade was explored through English, Music, Drama, Home Economics and Art. Students presented their projects including a video and rap performance as part of their showcase to parents at a special Fair Trade event.
- Kishoge Community College Students studied the theme of Water and created a fact sheet which they shared on the school website. They also demonstrated their learning at an event for parents and the local community.

To find out more about the WorldWise Project visit www.worldwiseschools.ie.

To book your place on the Educate Together Development Education Day 21st September contact laura.dooley@educatetogether.ie

# School Procurement

There's no way to make the topic of school procurement exciting and interesting, but there's important information here nonetheless, and savings to be made.

# Multi-Supplier Framework for Cleaning Supplies and Equipment

Details in relation to Lot 4 of this Framework are now available on Government Procurement Website: www.procurement.ie, including a list of what the contract covers, and what isn't covered. The contract will be in effect until November 2018.

## **Electrical Goods**

There's a new Framework in place for the provision of Electrical Goods (white goods and small appliances). For more information, go to www.procurement.ie, log in as a buyer, and select category 'Facilities Management, Maintenance'. And from October 2016, it will be possible to order online.

# School WiFi (Wireless Networking and Associated Services)

The new framework has been in place for all school since May 2016. Seven service providers have qualified as members of the framework. Their details, together with instructions, can be found here: http://www.pdsttechnologyineducation.ie/en/Technology/Networking-Wireless-Networks

You'll always get the most up-to-date information on school procurement on the School Procurement Unit website: http://www.jmb.ie/school-procurement

The staff are friendly and helpful, and will answer your questions by email (procurementsupport@jmb.ie), or by phone at +353 1 2035899

Schools can make substantial savings through the use of school procurement.

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# PRINCIPALS SUPPORTING PRINCIPALS

**Curious about social interactions?** 

Interested in working with your peers to explore what lies beneath your work?

Educate Together is always interested in exploring new ways of supporting the network of Educate Together schools and particularly the people who drive that network locally, that is, principals and teachers

Balint Groups were started in the 1950s, by psychoanalyst Michael Balint and his wife Edna, offering a way for GPs in London to explore the doctor/patient relationship with their peers. This has since extended into other sectors, including education. Educate Together is exploring the possibility of setting up such a group for principals, and would welcome your views.

Balint groups are usually made up of between 8 and 12 members, who come together once a month, for about 90 minutes. The group is led by a leader, whose aim is to make the group a safe, confidential place. A typical group starts by someone sharing something difficult that they had to deal with in school that day.

Through exploration of interpersonal feelings, principals have a chance to explore the emotions and behaviours that are under the surface of complex situations, allowing issues to be seen in a different light. The meetings offer an opportunity to see how group dynamics affect situations. The aim of the meeting is to provide principals with a space to explore work-related challenges.

Educate Together would like to explore the benefits of this kind of group for our Principals and we'd like to hear from people who are interested.

For more information contact Deirdre O'Donoghue (Deirdre.odonoghue@educatetogether.ie). For more information about Balint Groups in general see www.balinaustralianewzealand.org

## **Protected Disclosures Act 2014**

This Act came into effect in July 2014.

The main points of the Act are:

- A prohibition on penalising workers who make protected disclosures and a wide definition of 'worker'.
- A broad range of 'relevant wrongdoings'
  which can be reported including criminal
  offences, breaches of legal obligations,
  where the health and safety of any individual
  has been or is likely to be endangered,
  miscarriage of justice, unlawful or improper
  use of public funds or any attempt to conceal
  information in relation to such wrongdoings.
- A 'stepped disclosure system' which encourages workers to report to employers in the first instance.

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform have now published a comprehensive Guidance document, which is available here: www.per.gov.ie/en/protected-disclosuresact-2014

#### **RCT and VAT**

The Revenue Commissioners have updated the Guidance Notes for Boards of Management in relation to RCT/VAT, to include a Frequently Asked Questions sections. You can find the new Guidance Notes here:

www.revenue.ie/en/tax/rct/guidance-boards-rct-vat.pdf

Circular 0017/2016: Indemnity Declaration for teachers using personal cars on school business

For information on how the above Circular affects teachers and school insurance see the FAQ prepared by Allianz for Educate Together www.educatetogether.ie/support/insurance.

# SUPPORTING THE NETWORK THROUGH WEBINARS

So what is a webinar? It's a seminar that's held online. Only those people who are invited to attend can participate and once you 'enter' the online room you can speak and see other participants as if you were in an actual physical room without having to leave your desk/home. Educate Together held three such webinars last year and addressed these topics:

- Information on CIDs (Contracts of Indefinite Duration)
- Setting up a forum for Chairpersons of Boards of Management (primary)
- Setting up a forum for Treasurers of Boards of Management (primary)

Webinars planned for the coming weeks include those directed at:

- Treasurers (14th September, 7pm)
- Chairpersons (28th September, 7pm)
- New members of Boards of Management (5th October, 7pm). This is aimed at board members who have not done the initial training module 'Boards of Management as a Corporate Entity'.

To participate in any of these webinars please email schoolsupport@educatetogether.ie before 5pm on the day of the webinar. You will then be sent a link to the online meeting room.

# **Sustainable Energy**

Energy in Education: what could your school do with with an extra few thousand euros?

We recently attended a presentation by SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland), looking at the savings that are available to schools, and schools' obligations to report their energy usage and actions



taken to reduce energy consumption. The savings to be made are quite substantial. One school reduced its energy consumption by 20%, resulting in a saving of over €3,000 per year on electricity charges. That's a lot of Cake Sales, Bag Packing and Raffles!

The SEAI website has lots of useful information with lists of resources available for the classroom, assistance in returning your energy usage details, tips for reducing usage, and details of CPD Workshops for Teachers. See www.seai.ie/schools

#### **CONTRACT TEMPLATES**

The Educate Together Moodle Learning Site contains contract templates for the employment of teachers, SNAs and ancillary staff. Recently added templates include Contracts of Indefinite Duration and a template letter of notification for Termination of Contract. The pathway to access these resources is: (http://learning.educatetogether.ie/) / Board of Management / Primary / Courses / Module 2
Appointment Procedures / Topic 9 Resources Section / Employment Contracts

If you haven't already registered with our Learning website, you'll be asked to do so. For more information contact: deirdre.odonoghue@educatetogether.ie

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# Educate Together AGM 2016

Educate Together's AGM was held on 21st May at Donabate Portrane ETNS. Well over 50 schools were represented on the day. President Michael D Higgins and Sabina Higgins were guests of honour. President Higgins described their early involvement as parents with Educate Together and their ongoing support for the pioneering vision of the equality based school movement:

"Today, that pioneering vision has taken its rightful place in our education system, growing, flourishing and enabling a further generation of citizens to benefit from the generous and participative ethos which defines Educate Together."

Many important issues were discussed by members at the AGM. Several key decisions were passed including:

- That the organisation will prepare a new strategic plan within the next 18 months
- That ongoing clarification will be provided to members on the organisations finances.
- That all schools with Educate Together as patron will not impose a compulsory uniform.
- That all schools with Educate Together as patron will not require pupils or parents to use titles to address or refer to the staff of the school.

A General Meeting for Members is planned for the second term of the 2016/2017 school year to provide an opportunity for members to further discuss plans for financial sustainability.



Tribute to President Michael D. Higgins at Donabate Portrane ETNS ahead of his visit



Excitement mounts as students of Donabate Portrane ETNS wait for President Higgins at this year's Educate Together AGM



Catherine McGuinness and Áine Hyland, founder of Educate Together





To celebrate 2016, Educate Together schools nationwide submitted their Proclamations that were displayed on the day of the AGM





Students put on a fantastic performance to entertain the President and AGM delegates



President Higgins and his wife Sabina with staff and students of Donabate Portrane ETNS

# Folens leading content, your way

Like Educate Together, Folens has been part of the Irish educational landscape for many years. We were founded in 1958 by Albert Folens and have been a leading publisher of primary and post-primary educational books ever since. Our aim is to deliver quality programmes written by teachers for teachers that make learning effective and fun for students, through print and digital resources.

With a full-time team of over 70 people, together with our extended family of hundreds of authors, reviewers and print and digital partners, we offer the teacher, student and parent comprehensive educational content that provides quality and value in school and at home.

# Literacy and Numeracy Resources

Building on our long experience in Irish classrooms, Folens is also proud to be the leading supplier of literacy and numeracy resources in Ireland. We exclusively supply the programmes of choice for *Literacy Lift Off* and *Reading Recovery* in Ireland including *PM*, *Collins Big Cat, Engage, Flying Start, Red Rocket* and more. Folens is delighted to share this expertise with Educate Together and have invited the internationally renowned literacy expert Stephen Graham to give two workshops at the Ethical Education Conference in November.

#### Stephen Graham Workshops

Stephen is an educator with a wealth of teaching experience. He is a truly inspirational presenter who is passionate about educating children. In keeping with the conference theme 'Raising Student Voices', Stephen will present a workshop at the conference entitled "Linking Oral Language

and Writing", it's a practical session on teaching children to construct persuasive text thus giving them a voice to convince their audience of their point of view. In summary, the workshop will help to equip you with tools to help your students find their voice.

### Working in partnership

Sales and Marketing Director Andy Miller has these words of support, 'Folens and Educate Together have a strong relationship and we continuously strive to find new ways to add value by working in partnership with the school network. We are open to listening to any ideas that you have on how we can assist your schools. The team at Folens would like to wish the Educate Together network all the best for the school year ahead and we're delighted to work in partnership with your school network.'

There are special offers available to Educate Together schools who order directly with Folens. Contact your local area Manager or our Customer Services Team for more information (Tel. 01 4137200 / Email: orders@folens.ie. You can trial the extensive range of Folens' digital resources on our updated website http://folensonline.ie/home

# Online Resource Banks for Learn Together and Ethical Education at Second-level

Educate Together's Learn Together Resource Bank for primary schools has been active for a number of years with hundreds of teachers accessing it each month. The bank includes downloadable lessons as well as books, websites and lesson ideas. Resources are listed under the four strands and divided into the junior and senior end of the school with a separate section for library books.

A second-level Ethical Education Resource Bank with similar resources is also available.

Please feel free to contact us here with resources / ideas that you've found useful.

The Resource Banks are available on learning.educatetogether.ie (and then click on: teachers-primary or post-primary- resources).

# **Key Dates for Training & Events**

#### **AUGUST**

- 22 Staff training in Ethical Education Cork ETSS
- 23 Staff training in Ethical Education Stepaside ETSS
- 25 Staff training in Ethical Education Ballymakenny College
- 26 Staff training in Ethical Education North Wicklow ETSS Staff training in Ethical Education Clonturk CC
- 30 Staff training in Ethical Education Bremore ETSS
- 31 Staff training in Ethical Education Hansfield ETSS

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 7 Staff training in Ethical Education Kishoge CC
- 14 Webinar for Treasurers of Boards of Management -Primary (7pm)
- 21 WorldWise Teachers Training Day
- 28 Webinar for Chairpersons of Boards of Management Primary (7pm)
- 29-30 Erasmus+ Project Kick-off Meeting Dublin

#### **OCTOBER**

- **5** Webinar for new members of Boards of Management (7-9.45pm)
- 14 Second Level Principals Networking Day

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 25-26 Ethical Education Conference
- **30** Deadline for articles for Spring Issue, Education & Support News

2017 Save the date: 23rd-24th March. Educate Together Principals' Conference 2017 (Galway)

Educate Together's interfaith, interactive and multifaceted Ethical Education Calendar for 2016 / 2017 is now available in digital format on both the primary and second-level resource banks. A yearly planner, highlighting relevant dates and festivals, is included with this newsletter.

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To submit an article email resources@educatetogether.ie



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