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National Council
for Special Education



September 2024 Newsletter:

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) Quarterly Newsletter.

This newsletter aims to keep you updated on the NCSE's latest news, projects, and professional learning opportunities. If you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, [sign up here](#).

Teacher Professional Learning Kicks-off!:

Our Teacher Professional Learning(TPL) courses have begun for this academic year.

Below is a sample list of some of our courses that could prove beneficial:



Promoting Positive Behaviour for Learning - 26th September: Register Here

Assessment and Planning (Post Primary), 7th October: Register Here

Leading an Inclusive School (Primary), 8th October: Register Here

Student Behaviour Planning (Post Primary), 8th October: Register Here

Supporting Autistic Students as they Transition through Education (Post Primary), 16th October: Register Here

A full list of all Teacher Professional Learning courses can be found on our via our website click here:

Connect Event Catalogue (adobeconnect.com)

Milestone Book on Century of Special Education in Ireland Launched by Professor Emer Ring:



Professor Emer Ring has launched her book, *Special Education in an Independent Ireland 1922-2022: Insights from a Journey through the Century*.

This NCSE-commissioned work provides an in-depth analysis of the evolution of special education, offering valuable insights from parents, policymakers, educators, and students themselves over the past century.

You can find out more about the book launch and access a downloadable copy here:

[Launch of Professor Emer Ring's Book 'Special Education in an Independent Ireland 1922-2022'](#)

NCSE Celebrates 20 Years of Milestones and Progress:

On September 10, 2024, the NCSE marked its 20th anniversary with a significant event at Dublin City Hall.



Under the theme “Special Education in Ireland and Looking to the Future,” the event celebrated two decades of transformative work, highlighting key achievements and outlining a future vision for special education in Ireland.

Key speakers included NCSE CEO John Kearney and Professor Emer Ring, whose recent publication, *Special Education in an Independent Ireland 1922-2022*, charts the evolution of special education policy over the past century.

To read more about the event and learn about our plans for a world-class inclusive education system by 2026, click here: [**NCSE 20th Anniversary Event Celebrates Milestones and Looks to the Future**](#)

Advancing Inclusive Education: NCSE's UDL Pilot Project



In May of this year, the NCSE launched a new pilot project promoting Universal Design for Learning (UDL) among 45 schools and over 150 educators. Selected from 243 applications, these schools will lead this initiative.

At the Radisson Hotel in Athlone, participants learned about the UDL framework from Jean Reale of Mary Immaculate College and received practical insights from Two Mile Community National School and Kerry Education Training Board.

NCSE CEO John Kearney provided opening and closing remarks, and artist Amy Lauren visually captured key learnings. The project starts this September, with NCSE UDL Facilitators guiding the process.

To read more about NCSE's UDL pilot project click here:

[Advancing Inclusive Education: NCSE's UDL Pilot Project](#)

Summer Creations 2024: Winners to be Announced Soon!

We are excited to share the amazing artwork created by students taking part in our Summer Creations art competition. Students from across the country reflected on the theme of 'Belonging' and used a variety of mediums to express their perspectives showcasing the remarkable talent of students participating in the Summer Programme.



Take a moment to view their work in [our online gallery](#).

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated.

Every entry will receive a Summer Creations Certificate in recognition of your efforts and creativity.

Keep an eye on our website's latest news section and social media for the announcement of winners.

Best of luck to all participants!

**Don't miss out on future updates, events, and professional learning opportunities
from the NCSE**

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