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# Church of Ireland Centre, DCU

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## Introduction

It has been a busy few months for the staff and students connected with the DCU Church of Ireland Centre.

Students from BEd 4 are reaching the end of their final school placement. Thank you to the schools who have welcomed these students at this important last stage of their programme. The students have been encouraged to include periods of Professional Activity Time in their weekly timetables. This has given them opportunities to engage with many aspects of school life outside the doors of their classrooms. The students then return to complete final year dissertations, a great introduction to the experience of research.

BEd 3 students returned to lectures after their term of placement and have been working to connect their classroom experience to the input they are receiving through lectures and specialist modules.

BEd 2 students have just completed 3 weeks of placement in schools in the greater Dublin region. Thank you to

schools for welcoming these students and to the co-operating teachers who share great experience and insights.

BEd 1 students have spent Mondays in home placement schools and after their university exams will complete a week of placement at the end of May. These students are spread out in schools throughout the country and again, thank you to schools for welcoming local students and many past pupils for their first teaching experiences.

The staff attached to the centre, Revd Prof. Anne Lodge, Geraldine O'Connor and Jacqui Wilkinson have spent many days in schools supervising these and other students, along with the DCU team of placement supervisors. We enjoy meeting you, hearing about your news and seeing school developments. Thank you.

Do connect with us, particularly if you can see opportunities for us to work with you. Wishing you every blessing for the summer term and the holidays that will follow.

*Anne Lodge, Geraldine O'Connor, Jacqui Wilkinson & Olivia Guffroy (administrator)*

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# School Placement

by Geraldine O'Connor  
Director of School Placement

Students connected to the DCU Church of Ireland Centre undertake the majority of their school placements in primary schools under Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and Society of Friends patronage.

In 2019-2020 the DCU Church of Ireland Centre will again be looking for school placements in partner schools in **Dublin and nearby areas** for student teachers in **BEd 2 and BEd 4**. Placements for both groups of students occur in the second term.

Students in BEd 1 and BEd 3 place themselves in schools and complete their placements in the first term.

**BEd 2** will teach for 3 weeks and teach 3-4 lessons daily,

**BEd 4** teach two four-week blocks (one from infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> and one from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes – or multiclassed in that range). They teach for the full day.

In the past, students have undertaken both blocks in the same school and we would seek to continue this if possible.

We will be seeking placements for both groups before the summer.

We would be grateful if schools wishing to host BEd 2 and/or BEd 4 students next year could indicate that by **June 20** to [olivia.guffroy@dcu.ie](mailto:olivia.guffroy@dcu.ie) at the Church of Ireland Centre.

Schools with any queries can contact the CIC Director of Placement [goconnor1@gmail.com](mailto:goconnor1@gmail.com).

## PLACEMENT DATES 2019-2020

BEd 2

Monday 16 March – Friday 3 April 2020

BEd 4

Monday 10 February – Friday 6 March 2020

and

Monday 23 March – Friday 1 May 2020

*(2 weeks before and 2 weeks after Easter)*

We thank our network of partnership schools for their welcome and support of students on placement.

## Past Students' Association CICE



## Annual Conference 2019

The PSA CICE is an association open to all former students of The Church of Ireland Training College, The Church of Ireland College of Education and now students of CIC in DCU. It is also open to any teachers who work in or have worked in any of the

Protestant managed primary schools in the country. An annual membership fee of €10 is charged, while student teachers and those in their first year out of college are given free membership. Retired teachers pay €5 for membership.

This year's conference was held in Hotel Kilkenny at the beginning of March and was well attended by a good mix of teachers from every age group and different parts of the country. CPD workshops included RE Games and Resources, Maths and Station Teaching, and Wellbeing for teachers and pupils. There was a great atmosphere at the gala dinner with great craic and catching up taking place!

We would love to see some recent graduates or indeed even some students at our conference next year! If you want to make sure that you don't miss out on the details for any future events, please like and join our Facebook page- 'paststudents cice' or email [psacice@gmail.com](mailto:psacice@gmail.com) and ask to be added onto our mailing list. Please also feel free to get in touch and let us know if you have any suggestions for topics for future events.

### PSA CICE Committee 2018/2019



# CIPSMA Conference 2019

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 the Church of Ireland Centre hosted the Annual Conference of the Church of Ireland Primary School Managers' Association on the DCU All Hallows' Campus. The theme of the conference was *Who are we? Accounting for Ethos*. The conference was opened by the Minister for State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD. Also presenting at the conference were the Revd Canon Prof. Leslie Francis, Prof. David Lankshear and Jacqui Wilkinson. They launched the Irish element of the 'Student Voice' project during the morning session. Delegates

from Margaret Gorman of Eversheds and Child Protection and Safeguarding from Yvonne Keating, Assistant Chief Inspector of the Department of Education and Skills. The three academic staff of the Church of Ireland Centre, Geraldine O'Connor, Jacqui Wilkinson and Anne Lodge, were delighted to welcome the delegates from our School Placement partner schools and to engage with the conference dialogue over the course of the day.



Dr Ken Fennelly, Jacqui Wilkinson, Geraldine O'Connor, Prof. David Lankshear, Revd Canon Prof. Leslie Francis, Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor, Bishop Ken Kearon, Canon Brian O'Rourke, Sean Henry, Revd Prof. Anne Lodge.



Keynote speaker, the Revd Canon Professor Leslie Francis introduced research on the Wales Student Voice



Engaging with principals from some Placement partner schools.  
Revd Prof. Anne Lodge, Jacqui Wilkinson, Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor, Geraldine O'Connor, Joyce Perdue, Carolyn Good and Niall West.



Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor addressed the conference.

also heard from Bishop Ken Kearon who unpacked the Anglican understanding of school ethos. Sean Henry presented a paper about the place of diversity in faith school ethos. Following a lovely lunch in the All Hallows Dining Hall, delegates had the opportunity to hear expert updates on both the changes to school admissions



# Religious Education

by Jacqui Wilkinson. Lecturer in RE

## Praying together

### Prayers for primary school assemblies

This year I have been working on creating a prayerbook for School Assemblies.

It has been wonderful to have received so many prayers from schools – teachers, pupils and members of the school community.

Thank you for your interest and support for the project in the midst of your busy school lives.

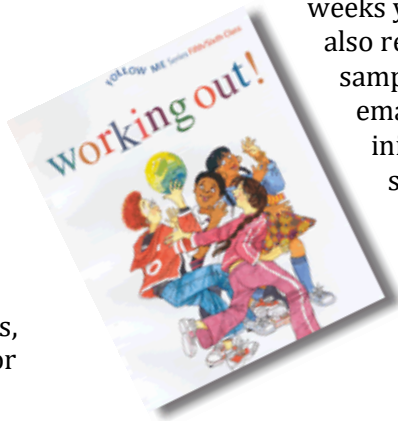
We have so many different prayers including some for the school day, for friends and families, for the world and even a prayer for tired teachers. Thank you to all.

If your school did not contribute a prayer, and you would wish to do so, you can send it to me at [jacqueline.wilkinson@dcu.ie](mailto:jacqueline.wilkinson@dcu.ie). I can also send you a list of suggested topics.

It is planned that many prayers will be produced in a book in the coming months and others will be available for download.

You will see three prayers printed in this newsletter which may be useful for you this term: a school prayer, a prayer for 6<sup>th</sup> class leavers and a prayer for the end of the school year. In the next couple of

weeks you will also receive a sampler (by email) with an initial selection of prayers.



## Assemblies Project 2018-2019

Thank you to the schools who have piloted class-led assemblies based on Follow Me lessons. I will be in touch with schools in early June to get some feedback.

The assemblies will be then available to all schools in the autumn, along with new assemblies. More information to follow in September.

If you would like to volunteer to get involved and write some assemblies for the collection do contact me

All assemblies are based on specific lessons from the class *Follow Me* book and so fulfil the aims of the *Follow Me* programme in sharing learning with other classes in the school through assemblies.

Assemblies for specific times in the school year would be a useful addition to the collection so any ideas welcome.

## At the end of the school year

Thank You God for caring for us.

Thank You for sharing your world and your love with us.

Thank you God for our family and friends.

Thank you God for the staff in our school

Thank you God for the encouragement we receive.

Thank you for keeping our school community safe.

We are grateful for education, fun and learning throughout this year.

We are grateful for the new things we have learned

We are grateful for the fun and activities we've enjoyed

We are grateful for the fun we've had in school, all of the special days, the happy times, and the laughter we've shared.

We will look back on all our happy memories and achievements, the good times with our friends, and the jokes we've shared.

We pray that our school community will enjoy a safe summer holiday.

We look forward to reuniting with our friends and the prospect of a fantastic new school year.

We ask for God's blessing on us all. Amen

*Pupils of St Fin Barre's NS, Cork*

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## Partnerships with schools

by Geraldine O'Connor (Director of School Placement)

### Student Teacher Visits to Small Schools:

As part of their specialism *Multiclass Teaching in Small Schools* BEd 2 students visited some of our partner small schools in Dublin during March for a period of observation.

The response from students to this opportunity was very positive and they have observed first-hand many practices and methodologies associated with multiclass teaching and learning which will help them to understand and reflect on what they have encountered during their module.



Thank you to the principals and staff in the following schools for the warm welcome given to students and the wonderful opportunity to observe in their school and classrooms:

**Drumcondra N.S.**  
**Finglas Parochial N.S.**  
**Glasnevin N.S.**  
**Howth Road N.S.**  
**Lindsay Road N.S.**  
**Zion N.S.**

## Certificate in Religious Education (Follow Me)

by Jacqui Wilkinson

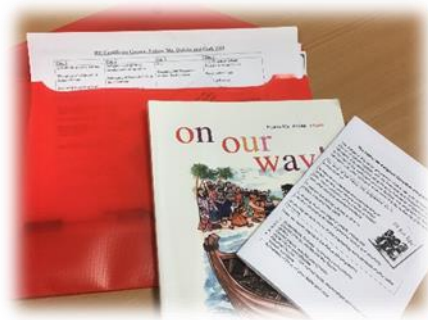
Two RE Certificate courses began before Easter. There are 10 teachers participating in the course in Cork, drawn from 9 different schools. There are 8 teachers participating in the course in Dublin from 7 different schools.

The participating teachers are very committed to the course – travelling some extensive distances at the end of a school day (some are travelling round trips of 130km, 150km, 200km, and 250km) four times for the sessions. Thank you to them.



*Dún na nGall*  
**DONEGAL**

In June I will be travelling to run the RE Cert course in Letterkenny (from 17-19 June). All schools in Donegal received information and we have a number of teachers registered. Do contact me if you are interested and eligible (with experience in teaching the Follow Me programme).



## CPD in RE in schools

by Jacqui Wilkinson

I have no more available CPD slots for this term. If you would like **CPD in Religious Education** for staff in the autumn do contact me. The topics currently offered are: (select 2 for a 1 hour session). Further topics available on request.

- Assemblies and Follow Me
- RE in the Infant classroom
- Enquiry based learning with senior classes
- Teaching world religions
- Website resources to support RE
- The Church of Ireland (an overview)
- Bible story telling methods
- Creating parish school links
- Ultimate questions and discussion in senior classes
- Games and RE



### 6<sup>th</sup> class prayer on leaving school

Dear God, I thank you for an amazing eight years in my primary school. When I first came here, I didn't even know how to spell my name! Now thanks to my teacher I can figure out hard maths problems and even spell many words, I will miss my primary school and teachers a lot when I move onto my new one. I ask you, Lord to help me on my journey through secondary school. Amen  
 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupil Rathkeale No.2,

## News From Current Students



### Rachael Armitage BEd 3 writes:

We're all still recovering after a match which was certainly one to remember. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March we faced off in the final against the defending title holder's University of Limerick. We were neck and neck with UL for the duration of the match. In the last play of the game we were on their try line, after winning their line out, the defence was ferocious, but the ref awarded us with a penalty try, seconds before he blew the final whistle leaving the scoreboard 22-27 to DCU. There is honestly no better feeling after coming from behind in such a competitive final.

It is incredible to be part of such an amazing squad of girls, on the day of the final 33 girls travelled and everyone took part in the warm up ensuring the 23 named players the best possibility of success, we are not firsts and seconds with DCU we all play and train together as a squad, and we are all 'ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS'.

Along with Rachael three other CIC students played on this squad - Shannon Agar, and Sarah Cahill B,Ed 1 and Katie Helen, B.Ed 2.

**Congratulations to all four students**

## An Dianchúrsa

I BEd 1 glacann na micléinn páirt i gcúrsa speisialta sa Ghaeilge agus seo iad torthaí a gcuid oibre – Dánta faoin aimsir.

**An Ghaoth le** *Lorraine Neary, Geoff Ó Connor, Beth Taggart, Helen Hudson, Rachel Webster, Rachel Kilroy*

An ghaoth ag séideadh  
Na duilleoga ag damhsa ar na crainn

Púcáí ag imirt sa spéir  
Déanann siad torann ard

An domhan ag casadh go tapa  
Gach rud ag titim ar fud na háite.

**Báisteach le** *Joanna Codd, Chloe Payne, Daniel Bolton, Jean Whitford, Sara Deacon, Caitlin Hendy*

**Tagann scamall liath**

**Tosaíonn an bháisteach**

**ag bualadh in aghaidh na fuinneoige**

**Tosaím ag smaoineamh ar na daoine bochta**

**Cruthaíonn gach braon báistí**

**íomhá i mo cheann den phian atá ina gcroí**

**Damhsa sa Spéir** le *Sarah Cahill, Alex Kavanagh, Shannon Agar, Orla Smyth, Emma Glenn, Rebekah Roulston*

Tintreach  
ag lasadh na spéire

Geal go níos gile  
cosúil le haingeal ag damhsa

Tá sé cumhachtach  
agus beomhar

Níos cumhachtaí  
ná Dia féin

Níos ealaíonta  
ná na bláthanna

Tá an t-atmasféar  
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**CIC Summer Ball**  
3 May 2019

3rd year CIC BEds looking very glamorous at the reception in All Hallows' for the annual CIC Summer Ball. Special thanks to the wonderful organizing committee (all 3rd years) Rachael, Kelly, Kelly, Hannah & Joshua. Reports are that they all had a great night.



## News in brief

by Revd Prof. Anne Lodge

Director, Church of Ireland Centre

As well as undertaking all our work with the BEd students - teaching them, assessing them, visiting schools all around the country for placement supervision - we have also been doing a range of other things in the Church of Ireland Centre including the following:

Jacqui Wilkinson and Anne Lodge work with Church of Ireland students undertaking the MA in Chaplaincy Studies in DCU.

On September 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 the Church of Ireland Centre co-hosted the inaugural meeting of the Network of Interfaith European and North American Concerns with our colleagues in the School of Theology, Philosophy and Music. The inaugural meeting was held in the Church of Ireland Centre's Seminar Room on the DCU All Hallows' Campus. The full-day meeting was attended by colleagues from the Church of Ireland, the Church in Wales, the Church of England, the Diocese in Europe, and personnel from both Lambeth Palace and the Anglican Communion Office. The DCU Anglican Chaplain also attended. This Anglican network is chaired by the archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson. Invited guests included members of the Dublin City Interfaith Forum who outlined how positive and supportive working relationships have been built and nurtured between people of many world faiths living in Dublin. A representative from the Church of Ireland Centre will attend the next meeting in Cardiff in September 2019.



Back row L to R: Philip McKinley, Dr Clare Amos, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dr Ethna Reagan, Bishop Michael Igrave, Dr Peter Admirand, Revd Prof. Anne Lodge. Front Row L to R: Adrian Christie, Swami Purnananda Puri, Iman Arslaan Khan and Dr Ian Kilroy

On 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Church of Ireland Centre and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough co-hosted the launch of *Come&C. Growing in the Image and Likeness of God: a review of the Discipleship Project and the Five Marks of Mission in the united dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough* by Dr David Tuohy and Dr Maria Feeney. The book was launched in the John Hand Room on the DCU All Hallows' Campus by the Ven. Adrian Wilkinson, the archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The launch took place as part of a seminar on the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion exploring their application to a variety of Anglican contexts such as a diocese and its parishes, educational institutions and also considered interfaith applications of the five marks.

Swami Purnananda Puri, Hilary Abrahamsson, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dr Maria Feeney, Dr David Tuohy, Ven. Adrian Wilkinson, Revd Prof. Anne Lodge and Liam Wegimont who all spoke at the seminar and launch event



This Newsletter will be issued each school term. We hope it will keep our network of schools up to date with the work based in the Church of Ireland Centre, DCU.

Do remember to check our website for updates, like us on facebook and follow us on twitter for up to date news.

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