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Church of Ireland Centre, DCU

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Introduction

by Rev. Prof Anne Lodge (Director)

We are well into the Autumn term now, with a much-deserved break for school staffs and children alike to look forward to. We in the Centre hope that the 2019/20 school year is treating you all very well. Our busy academic year in the Church of Ireland Centre is well underway at this stage.

Our new first years are settling in well. We were delighted to welcome a full complement of Church of Ireland Centre new BEds from right across the country. Our first years will be doing their first school placement at home in the Spring and Summer. This placement is really important to them because it is their first chance to spend time doing structured observation and learning from experienced teachers and other staff as well as from the children. We are so grateful to all our school network who make them welcome

and help them begin their lifelong learning journey as primary teachers. We are already out 'on the road' visiting third years on their Autumn placement so we look forward to visiting some of you before Christmas.

Our 1st, 2nd and 4th years are all out at various times in the Spring which means we will be seeing many of you then. It is invariably a pleasure to have the opportunity to visit schools and to get a proper chance to say thank you to each of you who helps nurture and educate the next generation of teaching colleagues.

We are also delighted to support our school network - it is one small way in which we can express that appreciation. You will see mention in this newsletter of some of the practical ways we are doing this – assemblies for schools, the provision of the RE Cert and CPD for schools. We also enjoy hearing about your good news stories – this newsletter features Kildare Place School as it marked an important anniversary.

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Welcome to our BEd Year 1 students

We welcomed 32 new BEd students on the Church of Ireland Centre's pathway at the end of September.

These students have come from Wicklow, Kilkenny, Offaly, Cavan, Donegal, Cork, Kildare, Laois, Wexford, Monaghan and Dublin. Some are living in on-campus accommodation or student accommodation, others are commuting to DCU. We wish them well as they begin their studies and the lecturing staff associated with the centre look forward to getting to know the group during the semester, especially through tutorial groups, Irish lectures and Religious Education lectures.

Alanna Ashe, Niamh Merrick, Robyn Griffin, Rupert Zarka and Adam Hanlon (BEd 1) who met with Sue Miller (Librarian) as part of their tutorial with Geraldine O'Connor. The Cregan library has a wealth of resources for the students to use on placement.



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 students in BEd 1 and BEd 3 place themselves in schools Dublin and countrywide while BEd 2 and BEd 4 students have placement arranged by the Institute of Education in the greater Dublin area.

Thank you to partner schools who have indicated that they can host student teachers in term 2 or who are currently hosting students.

BEd 2 teach for 3 weeks and teach 3-4 lessons daily, **BEd 4** teach two four-week blocks (one from infants to 2nd and one from 3rd-6th classes). They teach for the full day.

Schools with any queries can contact the CIC Director of Placement geraldine.oconnor@dcu.ie

The school placement office can be contacted at schoolplacement.primary@dcu.ie

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.

Applying for the B.Ed. via the Church of Ireland Pathway DC004

by Rev.Prof Anne Lodge

Students on the Church of Ireland Centre's pathway study the B.Ed programme along with their classmates in DCU. Certain elements of the programme are unique to them.

- The CIC students do the majority of their School Placements in Protestant primary schools.
- They study the RE Cert to prepare to teach the *Follow Me* religious education programme used in Protestant primary schools and learn about the ethos of those schools.
- They take modules that study Christianity from a reformed perspective, look at world faiths, explore social and moral issues, and study the RE programmes and cultures of all types of Irish primary schools.
- They follow the specialism to prepare them to teach in small schools and multi-level classes. The aptitudes learned in this specialism benefit all those studying to be primary teachers. There are five modules in this specialism:
 - teaching in multi-level classes
 - inclusive classrooms
 - early years teaching
 - project-based learning in the classroom and the school

- working and leading in small schools

APPLICATION:

Application is made via the CAO. Applicants need to include DC004 in their CAO choices by 1st February on the year of entry in order to be considered for eligibility.

ELIGIBILITY:

Students on this pathway need to demonstrate a knowledge of, and willingness to support, the Protestant ethos of these primary schools. Such knowledge and connection can include attendance at primary or post-primary schools under Protestant patronage, active engagement in a range of social and other clubs and activities (e.g. GFS, BB, GB, Church youth club). It can also include engagement with a parish or church or religious network in any of the Protestant traditions.

Eligibility is assessed by a separate application form sent out from DCU in the Spring. Applicants may be interviewed to assess eligibility.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

There are a maximum of 32 students per year given places in this stream in 1st year. The published points vary from year to year due to the small number of places on offer. This means it is impossible to pinpoint accurately from year to year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ON THE APPLICATION PROCESS CHECK THE DCU PROSPECTUS ONLINE.

https://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/institute_of_education/bachelor-education-restricted-entry.shtml

and keep an eye on the CIC website for updates <https://www.dcu.ie/church-of-ireland-centre/Applying-for-BEd-Church-of-Ireland-Centre-pathway-DC004.shtml>

New agreed process for CICE B.Ed graduates to access a re-issued degree transcripts

Transcripts for graduates of CICE B.Ed programme (2011-2018):

Contact Registry in Trinity College Dublin requesting a B.Ed transcript. Registry will contact the Director of the Church of Ireland Centre, DCU, where your records are held. Rev. Prof. Anne Lodge will prepare a detailed transcript and supply it to Trinity Registry. University Registry will create a composite transcript stamped by the University and signed by the University Registrar. They will issue this to graduates along with the detailed transcript issued by the Church of Ireland Centre.

Transcripts for graduates prior to 2010

Contact the designated staff member (currently Ms Catherine O'Rourke) in the School of Education in Trinity College to have a transcript re-issued. The School of Education holds copies of B.Ed transcripts up to 2010. Hard copies of graduate records for CICE B.Ed students will continue to be held in the Church of Ireland Centre in DCU.

Transcripts for graduates of the Post-Graduate Diploma in Learning Support and Special Educational Needs:

Contact the Director of the Church of Ireland Centre DCU to seek re-issued transcripts for the Post-Graduate Diploma

Religious Education

by Jacqui Wilkinson (Lecturer in Religious Education)

Assemblies for schools

Do you spend hours looking for and planning a class assembly?

With thanks again to all the schools who piloted assemblies last year, there are now

57 class led school assemblies

based on the Follow Me lessons available on the DCU Church of Ireland Centre website. Further assemblies will be added.

<https://www.dcu.ie/church-of-ireland-centre/index.shtml> **Select the Supporting Schools tab and then Assemblies.**

There are also some teacher/clergy led assemblies being added. The first set of these is a themed set **Animals in the Bible**. All assemblies are based on specific lessons from the class *Follow Me* book

Prayerbook update

The good news to report is that it is hoped to have the prayerbook for school assemblies printed in the coming weeks. More information to follow. It will also be available as an e-book linked on the DCU Church of Ireland Centre website. The prayerbook will have prayers for different times in the school year as well as for times when an urgent prayer is needed. Thanks again to all the schools who participated in the project. Jacqui.

CPD in RE in schools

I have a few CPD slots available for this term and next. If you would like **CPD in Religious Education** for staff in now or in the new year do contact me. Current topics are listed below : (select 2 for a 1 hour session). Further topics can be offered 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

Certificate in Religious Education (Follow Me)

by Jacqui Wilkinson

From 17-19 June 2019 a group of 12 primary teachers from nine schools in Donegal gathered in Letterkenny for an intense Religious Education Certificate course (Follow Me). Lorraine Starritt, principal of Creeslough NS had read about the course in this Newsletter and contacted me to see if I would run the course in Donegal. With 12

teachers registered it was a great opportunity to bring the course, usually run in Dublin, to Donegal. The evening sessions covered topics such as the ethos of schools, religious development in children, methodology for teaching the seven strands of the Follow Me programme as well as introducing teachers to resources to enhance their teaching of RE. All teachers went home with a USB of resource suggestions and copies of all the presentations. Dinner each night was sponsored



by the General Synod Board of Education.

The teachers on the course were Lorraine Starritt & Michelle Friel (Creeslough NS), Kelly Gallagher & Louise McGlynn (St Mura's NS, Buncrana), Deyna Walsh & Maureen Brogan (Inver NS), Sarah McCarron (Drumfad NS), Sylvia Speer (Killygordan NS), Claire Murray (Gartan NS) Cáit Ní Chuireáin (Ballymore NS), Carol Buchanan (Trentagh NS), and Louise Patton (Brownknowe NS).

Information about courses for 2020 will be advertised in the new year. If you are interested in attending one of the courses (15 hours) next year do email me so I can begin to plan locations and timings to best suit the groups.

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School News

Kildare Place NS one of the partner schools of CIC at DCU Institute of Education, celebrated 50 years in Rathmines on the 28th September last. To mark the history of the school, Susan Parkes in her address drew attention to the heritage of KPS and the connection of the present day school to the Kildare Place model schools founded in 1819.



In the picture are: Ian Packham (principal KPS NS), Hazel Allen (former principal KPS NS), Susan Parkes (Emeritus Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin) and Geraldine O Connor (Director of School Placement, Church of Ireland Centre, DCU All Hallows Campus, Dublin).



Congratulations to All Saints NS Carnew who have been chosen to showcase a song written by third, fourth, fifth and six class students, and they will perform at the Festival of European Song by Children, which takes place in Trento, Italy in April next year. The school were one of ten schools chosen

out of 200 from across Italy and further afield.

'This is a massive achievement for our small school, we are very excited and immensely proud,' said teacher Aoife Kenny. Aoife helped her classes to put together the song entitled 'Working together' and the song is in favour of mutual sharing, much like the ethos of the school. The students had their song go through a round of judging from educators, journalists and musicians.

The Italian Festival della Canzone Europea dei Bambini, will see all of the ten winning songs sung by the choir Piccole Colonne di Trento, and, every school will perform live, with gesture and dancing, to the song made from their contribution. Each school will perform with their own created costumes, based on their text's song.

'The contest is to get school

children to approach the music world in a creative way, to make

If your school has a significant anniversary or a good news story that you would like to share please send a story and a photo to me and we will try to include it in an upcoming newsletter. jacqueline.wilkinson@dcu.ie

new songs for the childhood world, and to enhance communication and build an inter cultural dialogue ' the organisers said. Good luck to All Saints NS.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our DCU colleague **Dr Lorraine Harbison**.



Many schools will know Lorraine from her time lecturing in maths in CICE. Lorraine and her colleague from the University of Ulster won the John Coolahan award for their research report on 'UDL for learning as a context for embedding technology in primary school mathematics' at the SCOTENS conference last week.

The Church of Ireland Centre will be contacting partner schools in November to develop a CPD event for teachers in an identified area of interest in term 2. We intend the event to be based on a topic suggested by schools. Please watch for the communication from us and let us know your top three suggestions.



A Question Session at Assembly Time

Glebe National School in Donegal Town is a four-teacher primary school under Church of Ireland patronage, with around 100 pupils. The school holds an assembly once a week, conducted by the rector (me) or by the local Methodist or Presbyterian clergy. The assembly is a lively mix of singing, prayers and Bible teaching, which is always interactive and participative.

Once in a while we have taken the interaction to another level by having a Question Session: basically the children ask any questions they have on the subject of faith, God, the Bible, Jesus etc.

The class teachers prepare for these sessions by having a discussion in class time and encouraging children individually and in groups to formulate questions they would like to ask the minister. There is then a certain amount of collating and whittling-down of the questions, combining similar questions into one and occasionally removing questions which are off-topic!

On the day of the assembly, pupils take it in turns to ask the questions, and I do my best to give short but meaningful answers. Where the questions are factual (e.g. "Were the pyramids there when Moses was alive?") the answers will be correspondingly factual. Where questions are more

open-ended and deal with matters of opinion (e.g. "Why does God allow bad things to happen?") I am always ready to say what I think, but equally mindful of the need to encourage the children to think for themselves and to explore further. Sometimes follow-up questions or a simple, "And what do *you* think?" have been very enlightening.

A variation on the theme has been to ask the three ministers (Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland) the same questions, and compare the answers! These were then displayed on three posters and provided a fascinating insight into the similarities and differences between the three personalities and denominations. For example, we all agreed on the basics of God, Jesus and salvation, but differed quite widely on questions of church organisation and congregational witness. For example, when asked "What ranks are there in your church?" I attempted a lengthy explanation of bishops, deans, archdeacons, curates, rectors, canons and so on. My Methodist colleague answered more simply and accurately, "There are no ranks in the church."

Asking many questions is a great path to finding some answers. I would encourage any school to try a Question Session, and let young minds grow!

Archdeacon David Huss

Some opportunities to invite clergy into your classroom in RE by Jacqui Wilkinson

There are opportunities in each **Follow Me** book for the rector/ minister/ curate to visit your class: these include church visits, to show artefacts and as an expert for tricky questions.

Here we Go: Lesson 4 (school community), Lesson 21 (Church visit)

On our Way: Lesson 8 (caring in the community), Lesson 19 (special places)

Stepping Out: Lesson 27 (Holy Communion)

Moving On: Lesson 19 (Holy Communion and special robes)

Log On: Lesson 4 (Baptism), Term 3 Lesson 3 (interview)

On Line: Term 3 Lesson 3,4 (Rites of passage, Holy Communion)

Working Out: Term 2 Lesson 9 and as expert for questions raised in other lessons especially Term 1 Lesson 7, Term 2 Lesson 5.

Fit for Life: Term 2 Lesson 8 (Holy Communion) and as expert for questions raised in other lessons especially Term 1 Lessons 7, 10, Term 2 Lesson 4).

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Kildare Place School celebrating 200 years

Anne Lodge, Ian Packham & Rob Jones

A group of philanthropic, wealthy businessmen formed the Society for Promoting, known as 'the Kildare Place Society' because its buildings were based on Kildare Street in Dublin city centre. It intended to provide elementary education for all the poor, regardless of their beliefs and established a non-denominational, non-proselytising school system which was avowedly Christian, in that Scripture was to be read each day without comment, but there was to be no religious instruction. The Society provided plans for school houses, training for teachers, printing school books and giving grants for its schools. In its early years it was given large government grants.



Within 15 years of its establishment, it was supporting 100,000 pupils in 1,490 schools across the island and had trained 207 teachers. Its training institution and model school opened in 1819 in Kildare Place, and that primary school has remained in operation for the last 200 years.

By the 1820s the Society had run into serious opposition from the Roman Catholic church in Ireland because of its policy that Scripture be read daily in its schools without comment. The Government was pressured by the Roman Catholic church and set up a commission that recommended a neutral board of education be established. In 1831, the Government grant to the Kildare Place Society was withdrawn. The Society was able to achieve relatively little after 1831 but it retained ownership of the Kildare Place Institution until 1887. It continued to train teachers using the Lancastrian system in its model schools

though its numbers declined after 1831 because students were going instead to the National Board's training college in Marlborough Street. The training institution closed in 1840, but the model schools continued to operate though with dwindling income. In 1846, the Church Education Society entered into an arrangement with the Kildare Place Society to send a group of students to train in their model school to prepare them to teach in the Church of Ireland Schools. The Kildare Place Society was formally wound up in 1887.

Even after the Society was wound up, the Kildare Place primary school continued in existence as the training school for the Church of Ireland Training College which had taken over the buildings and property of the Kildare Place Society. The school shared the Church of Ireland Training College building and was attended by many children from Dublin city over decades.

By the 1960s, the facilities for both the College and the Kildare Place primary school were old, outdated, cramped and very unsuitable. The city centre location was now full of traffic and noise. The governors began to explore alternative sites. In 1963, the governors were offered both an opportunity to sell the Kildare Place site and buy Rathmines Castle. With the proceeds of the sale of Kildare Place and access to a Department of Finance loan, the governors were able to commission the planning and building of a purpose-built College and primary school on the Rathmines Castle site.

Kildare Place School joined with the Rathmines Church of Ireland parish National School which had been in an old building on the Upper Rathmines Road now used by the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society. The primary school pupils and staff continued to share the facilities of the College on the new site, just as they had done in the old buildings in Kildare Place. During the course of



nearly half a century on the Upper Rathmines Road site, a full cohort of student teachers were placed in the school twice a year for their practical School Placement assessments.

In 2016, after the Church of Ireland College of Education was incorporated into a University in line with a change in State policy regarding initial teacher education, Kildare Place school remained on the site where it has now spent 50 years of its long existence. The school has now reverted to the care of Parish of Rathmines with Harold's Cross and the patronage of the Church of Ireland archbishop of Dublin.



The Kildare Place primary school is a very popular school in the locality of Dublin 6 and enjoys a consistently excellent reputation. It constantly experiences over-subscription for entry to its Junior Infants' class. The school looks forward to a great future under the leadership of Ian Packham, its principal who leads a great staff team, and the Chair of its Board of Management Rev. Rob Jones (both pictured below with Rev. Prof. Anne Lodge, Director of the Church of Ireland Centre, the successor of the Church of Ireland College of Education).



A visit to St Patrick's Cathedral

Saint Patrick's Cathedral is the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland. It has been at the heart of Irish history and society for the past 800 years and its story stretches right back to St Patrick himself. Built by the Anglo-Normans in the 13th century the Cathedral has been in near constant use since its construction. Whether your interests lie in religion, art, architecture, music, or history there is something for everyone in Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

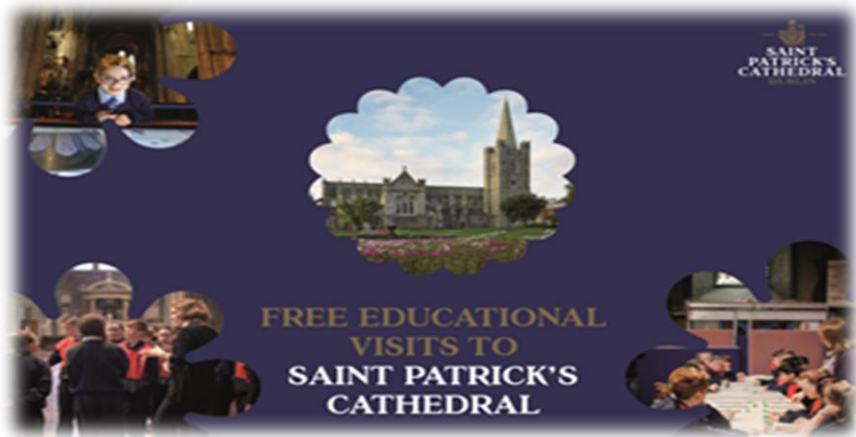
Learning has played a key role in the life of the Cathedral for centuries and today the staff of the dedicated Education Department continue this work. The department aims to provide as many resources as possible for visitors of all ages and nationalities to engage with and interpret the building. At the core of this work is the Free Schools Programme, which entitles any primary, secondary or third level school or institution from within the island of Ireland to a free visit to the Cathedral.

The Education Department provide a variety of tours and workshops to these visiting education groups. A visit to the Cathedral will be led by one of our dedicated education staff or volunteers and will be tailored to meet the needs of your group. As

A visit to St Patrick's Cathedral by European Religious Educators, attending the European Forum for Teachers of Religious Education conference at DCU in September. Jacqui Wilkinson brought a group to St Patrick's Cathedral for a tour and to hear about the education workshops offered. Thanks to Andrew Smith for working with the delegates.

well as guided tours, we offer a wide range of workshops, including Make Your Own Stained Glass Window, Music at the Cathedral, a dramatization of the Life of St Patrick and a look at medieval calligraphy and brass rubbings.

You can decide to come in self-guided, avail of a guided tour, or of a guided tour and workshop. Whichever option you decide upon, all you have to do to arrange your free visit is to contact the Education Department today: Andrew (education@stpatrikscathedral.ie) or Ciara (edassist@stpatrikscathedral.ie) or phone 01 4539472. We look forward to hearing from you soon. More details can be found at stpatrikscathedral.ie/education-groups



Past Students' Association CICE

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.

Please like and join our Facebook page 'paststudents cice' or email psacice@gmail.com and ask to be added onto our mailing list.

Other News in brief



Rev. Prof. Anne Lodge attended the second annual meeting of the **Anglican Interfaith Commission** Regional Network for Europe and North America in Cardiff, Wales on 8th and 9th September 2019. She and her two fellow Irish delegates Rev. Suzanne Cousins and Archbishop Michael Jackson (Chair of the Network) met and worked with colleagues from Wales, Scotland, England and the United States. This was a wonderful opportunity to share insights, experiences and concerns about ongoing, important interfaith engagement across a range of jurisdictions. It was lovely to meet in the Pierhead Building on the Welsh Assembly campus in Cardiff and a great privilege to hear and meet the Welsh First Minister Mark Drakeford AM. Great credit to Rev. Dr. Ainsley Griffiths and Rev. Canon Aled Edwards for their warm welcome and the superb organisation of a very productive meeting. We look forward to meeting again in Edinburgh in September 2020.




CIC Director part of delegation to one-day Department of Education and Skills Small Schools Symposium

Rev. Prof. Anne Lodge was part of the General Synod Board of Education delegation to the one-day symposium on Small Primary Schools organised by the Department of Education and Skills on 26th June 2019. Fellow representatives of the General Synod Board were Archbishop Michael Jackson, chair of the General Synod Board of Education, Dr. Ken Fennelly, Secretary to the GS Board and Ms. Eimear Ryan, Solicitor serving the GS Board. Delegates were invited by Minister Joe McHugh to a top level symposium, involving all stakeholders and partners in education, on the role and future of small primary schools. Rev. Prof. Lodge wrote a briefing document on small schools for the delegation. A copy of this briefing document can be read on the CIC website https://www.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/church-of-ireland-centre/small_schools_consultation_briefing_document_anne_lodge_june_2019.pdf



CIC Director speaks at RIA Conference on Religion and Changing Identity in Ireland


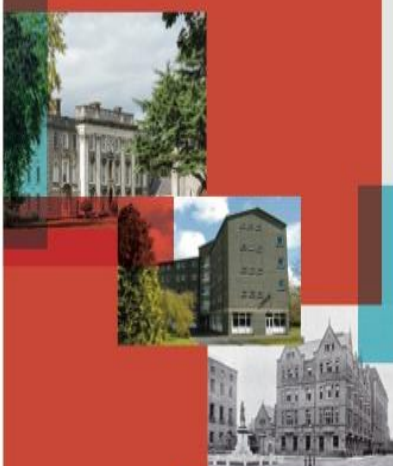
Rev. Prof. Lodge took part in the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations' conference *Belief in the Future: Religion and Changing Identity* in the Royal Irish Academy on Tuesday 2nd July 2019. She was on the panel addressing 'Religion and Education' with Rev. Dr. Niall Coll, St. Mary's University College Belfast and Jan O'Sullivan, TD. You can read her speech on our website https://www.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/church-of-ireland-centre/speech_education_panel_belief_in_the_future_conference_2nd_july_2019.pdf



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- Preparing caring primary teachers
- Serving our schools and children
- Researching and informing communities
- Caring for the CICE heritage
- Lived Anglican ethos

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.

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