

Out of School and On Campus Initiatives: SPD Student Volunteers

For the past 2 years, three partners have come together to promote community-university relations through student volunteering across two projects.

- The **Educational Disadvantage Centre** highlights the impact of social and economic disadvantage on education within the Irish Primary Education sector
- **Cabra School Completion** offers a wide variety of in-school, after-school and holiday support with a view to enabling and supporting young people in formal education to complete the senior cycle or equivalent
- The **NESN Challenger Programme** provides structured supports for students and their parents from 6th class to 6th year to help students transfer from 6th class into secondary school, prepare for their Junior Certificate and complete their Leaving Certificate.

Since 2013, **80+** pupils attended each week for conversational Irish classes and a further **40+** for Maths grinds. They were mentored and supported by **90+** Bachelor of Education students each week.

Working with pupils on campus brings added value as it awakens the imagination to the possibility of coming to college to a range of young people who would not necessarily view 3rd level education as a choice.

