

CEIST is the new trustee body for the voluntary secondary schools of the Daughters of Charity, the Presentation Sisters, the Sisters of the Christian Retreat, the Sisters of Mercy and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.



### Challenge to Change

On May 14th the annual meeting of the Presentation Schools involved in the Challenge to Change Project was held in the Springhill Court Hotel, in Kilkenny.

Five of our CEIST schools participated this year;

**Presentation Secondary, Thurles** (Discrimination against the Girl Child), **Rockford Manor, Blackrock** (All Different - All Equal), **Scoil Christ Rí, Portlaoise** (Cluster Munitions), **Presentation Secondary School, Mitchelstown** (Developing the Millennium Development Goals) and **St. Joseph's College, Lucan** (Change the Lights from Green to Red).

In this year marking the 225th anniversary of the death of Nano Nagle, these projects made it clear that many of the challenges that she encountered are still with us. It is a tribute to her work, and to the work of the many Presentation Sisters throughout the world, that Irish students in Presentation Schools are continuing to learn about and engage in a proactive way with issues of justice, human rights and sustainability.

Congratulations to all students who took part in this year's project, and sincere thanks to Sr. Margaret Mary Healy and Liam Kilbride who facilitate the project, to the Presentation Sisters and to Irish Aid who fund it and to all the teachers without whose enthusiasm and commitment such projects could not be undertaken by students in our schools.



### Young Social Innovators 2009

The Young Social Innovators showcase took place in the RDS on the 6th May and 42 CEIST schools participated in the event.



### Summer Works Scheme

The Summer Works Scheme has been re-introduced by the Minister for Education and Science, Batt O'Keeffe.

We have put up on our website link to download application form and links to relevant information on the scheme.



### Mercy and Presentation Schools to Amalgamate

Two Girl's Secondary schools are to join forces in two years time.

Presentation Secondary School, Presentation Road, Galway and Méan Scoil Mhuire, Newtownsmith are both to amalgamate with the new school to be located on the Newtownsmith campus.



### Nano Nagle Jubilee Mass (Cork)

The South Presentation Convent in Cork held a special Jubilee Mass in honour of Nano Nagle.

Sr. Marie Wall of the Presentation Centre in Cork kindly shared photos of the event on our website.



### Award of Green Flag in Coláiste Muire, Ennis

Coláiste Muire was awarded a Green Flag at an official ceremony in the school on Friday 8th May.

Minister for the environment, John Gormley T.D. was in attendance.

The school is the first post-primary school in Ennis to be awarded Green School Status.



### St Mary's College lands artistic prize

St Mary's College, Naas, Co. Kildare, recently won a public art competition and in doing so collected a prize of €10,000 for their efforts!



### Our Lady's Greenhills Drogheda Go To Court!

The Transition Year Students recently won the [National Mock Trials Competiton](#).

The competition offers transition year students a unique opportunity to gain an inside view of how the legal system works.

The idea is that students assume the roles of solicitors, barristers, jurors, witnesses and court reporters.



### New Role for Catholic Schools

The following article was published in *Messenger of St. Anthony*, and was written by Fr. Gerard Condon.

Fr. Gerard is diocesan adviser for religious education in the Diocese of Cloyne and is also a member of the CEIST Board of Directors.



### What in the World?

The RTE programme *What in the World?* returns to our screens on Thursday 11th June at 11.05pm.

Series 4 is filmed on location in Columbia, Laos, Mali, Mongolia, Niger and Paraguay. The programme provides moving insights into global economic inequalities and human rights violations.



### Post-Graduate Diplomas

There are two Post-Graduate Diplomas being run for teachers in Marino Institute of Education in the next academic year.

[Post Graduate Diploma in Spirituality and Leadership in Catholic Education.](#)

[Post Graduate Diploma in Intercultural Education.](#)

### Chaplaincy Studies

Mater Dei Institute of Education are offering a flexible *Master of Arts in Chaplaincy Studies and Pastoral Work*.

[Click here](#) to download full programme details.

### CEIST Newsletter

We have completed our 2nd newsletter edition and hard copies have been distributed to our Schools and other members of CEIST community.

We will be publishing our next edition in October.

Please [click here](#) to download soft copy.

### Centenary of First Foundation

The missionaries of the Sacred Heart are celebrating the centenary of their first foundation here in Ireland in the Western Road, Cork in 1909. Special events include;

**Mass of Thanksgiving** at the Cathedral in Cork on May 16th 2009.

**Pilgrimage to Knock** on Sat 25th July.

### Famine Walk 2009

**From Doolough to** Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, Saturday 30th May 2009, beginning at 2pm.

*"Power concedes nothing without demand"*

**Walk Leaders:** Willie and Mary Corduff (Erris), Philip Ikurusi (Niger Delta), Gary Whitedeer (Choctaw), with Donal O'Kelly and Sorcha Fox performing a short extract from the writings of Frederick Douglass.

**Organised by Afri, with** [Louisburgh Community Project](#).

[Read more](#) about the annual Famine Walk on the Afri website.