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Leadership in a Catholic School

Following on from our very successful pilot Middle Leadership Programme last year we have decided to run the programme in two locations in 2015/2016.

The programme will run during September and October in Mount Mercy College, Model Farm Road, Cork and during January, February and March in Galway City. Venue to be decided.

The Cork programme was very quickly booked up and we plan to accept bookings for the Galway programme in December so keep a watch out for the application form on the website!

Religious Education Resources

We encourage you to visit our [RE resources section on the CEIST website](#) where we hope you will find some useful resources to use in school.

2015 AUTUMN LECTURE SERIES

Emotional and Relational Well-Being in a School Environment.

Marino Institute invites you to join them for a series of three talks designed to enable you to enhance and develop the skills needed to successfully build positive relationships in a school community.

These talks are open to all involved in education. Members of the public are most welcome.

Click [here](#) to download flyer with further information.

FÉILTE 2015

This year's FÉILTE will take place on Saturday, 3 October in the RDS, Dublin. FÉILTE, the Festival of Education in Learning and Teaching Excellence is a celebration of innovation in teaching.

The theme of this year's event is 'Sharing Teaching – Connecting Learning'.

St Leo's College Carlow Summer Newsletter

St Leo's College, Carlow kindly shared with CEIST their Summer Newsletter, click [here](#) to view.

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Registration Form

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register for our conference. **We recommend booking early to secure accommodation in the Hodson Bay Hotel.**

The following is the Agenda for both days;

| Day One - Thursday 24th September | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 11.30am - 12.30pm | Registration |
| 12.30pm | Lunch |
| 1.45pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gathering Prayer & Lighting of CEIST CandleIntroduction: Bernard Keeley, Chairperson, CEIST Board of Directors and CEO of CEIST, Dr. Marie GriffinOur Lady's Secondary School, Castleblayney School Choir |
| 2.30 - 3.30pm | Keynote Address: Professor Gerald Grace "Catholic Self-Evaluation: 5 international challenges" |
| 3.30pm - 4.00pm | Tea, Coffee, Exhibitions - The Winter Garden |
| 4.00pm - 4.30pm | Discussion Group Session - Professor Gerald Grace |
| 4.30pm - 4.45pm | Official Launch of CEIST DVD - Mary Nihill |
| 4.45pm - 6.00pm | Working Sessions |
| 7.30pm | Pre-dinner drinks |
| 8.00pm | Dinner - Clonmacnoise Suite |
| Day Two - Friday 25th September | |
| 9.00am - 10.00am | Mass with Canon Brendan Kilcoyne and Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise, School Choir |
| 10.00am - 11.15am | Working Sessions |
| 11.15 - 11.45am | Coffee Break - Exhibition Stand Area |
| 11.45am - 12.30pm | Governance - CEIST and Educena |
| 12.30pm - 1.30pm | The New Cosmology and its Implications; Br. Anthony Mark McDonnell, cfc |
| 1.30pm | Scattering Prayer and Lunch |

Conference Working Sessions

1) "Supporting the Professional Development of Catholic Leaders and Teachers", Professor Gerald Grace

Professor Gerald Grace will lead a smaller discussion group on resources available from the Centre For Research and Development in Catholic Education, University of London, to support the professional development of Catholic school leaders and teachers.

2) "Introduction to iTunes U (with homework hand-in and grade book)", Éanna Ó Brádaigh, Apple.

Éanna Ó Brádaigh is Apple's Education Business Manager in Ireland. A passionate Gaeilgeoir Éanna has been supporting post primary schools across the country with their introduction of iPad 1-1 as a tool to transform Teaching and Learning.

Apple believes that technology has the power to transform the classroom. It can pave new ways of thinking. New ways of sparking ideas. Yet the foundation never changes: a dedication to learning that's always been part of our DNA. Apple are proud to work alongside educators and students to reinvent what it means to teach and learn. And together we're doing things we never thought possible. iPads, deployed with Apple Professional Development, are enabling Teachers across Ireland to engage students and improve academic performance.

Bring your iOS device to this workshop and participate in the introduction to the new iTunes U. With homework hand-in, an integrated grade book and private discussions, it's a seamless way to organise your classroom. See how simple it is to deliver lessons, grade assignments and stay connected — all from your iPad!

3) "A Master Class in using HR Procedures", Margaret Gorman, Eversheds.

Giving you the confidence to use disciplinary, grievance and associated procedures.

In this practical and interactive session, Margaret Gorman will outline the main HR procedures and will give an overview of how to apply the principles of natural justice in practice. Margaret will bring you step by step through the procedures to arm you with the knowledge for dealing with issues that arise with staff. There will be a strong focus on ensuring that the appropriate procedure is used in any given situation which will be done through the use of case studies".

4) "Essential Wellness for School Leaders", Anne Doherty (M.Ed., B Comm, H.Dip., H.Dip EA, Dip. in Integrative Nutrition)

Ann is no stranger to the demands of school leadership having served as Principal for 11 years in St Mary's Secondary School, Charleville and for two years previous to that as Deputy Principal in Nagle Community College.

Having always had a keen interest in nutrition and wellbeing, Ann took time out from her role as principal to study Nutrition and Wellbeing formally with the Institute of Integrative Nutrition and is now a certified Health Coach.

This workshop will focus on promoting essential wellness for very busy school leaders. It will involve guidance in:

- Understanding ourselves and our core needs;
- Nutrition as a key player in feeling great;
- Protecting vital energy and remaining positive in a challenging environment;
- Increasing energy so that work life balance can be achieved;
- Mindful practices in our work and personal lives;
- Preventing fatigue by adopting healthy practices;
- Tips for staying well throughout the year.

Speaker Profiles

Professor Gerald Grace

Professor Gerald Grace is a Professional Research Fellow at the Institute of Education, University of London. He is also Director of the Centre for Research and Development in Catholic Education, based at the Institute of Education.

He has taught Education at Kings College, London, Cambridge University, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and The University of Durham (where he was Head of the School of Education). He founded the Centre for Research and Development in Catholic Education (CRDCE) at the University of London, Institute of Education in 1997 (the first Centre in Europe). He is currently the Director of CRDCE.

Major publications include School Leadership: Beyond Education Management(1995); Catholic Schools: Mission, Markets and Morality (2002) and the International Handbook of Catholic Education(2007), 2 volumes, which he co-edited with Joseph O'Keefe, SJ. Professor Grace was invited to present a copy of the International Handbook to the Holy Father in December 2007.



Br. Anthony Mark McDonnell, cfc

Br. Anthony Mark McDonnell is a Christian Brother and former Principal of Templemore and Syngé Street CBS. He has held a number of leadership positions within his congregation and was provincial of St. Helen's Province for 12 years and a member of the General Council in Rome for a further 6 years.

In 2008 Br. Anthony Mark completed a Masters Degree in Cosmology and Culture in San Francisco under the renowned Professor Brian Swimme, He has always been interested in this area and has delivered a number of addresses and workshops on Cosmology in recent years.

Br. Anthony Mark also holds a PHD in Education was Chair of the ATCS (Association of Trusts of Catholic Schools) from 2009 until 2012.





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Monday 24th August 2015

CEIST recently held Induction Days for our newly appointed Principals and Deputy Principals.

The induction day for newly appointed Principals in CEIST Schools was held on Tuesday 18th August and on Friday 21st August we had an induction day for our Deputy Principals.

The induction days provided a great opportunity for the newly appointed Principals and Deputy Principals to meet staff from the CEIST Education Office and gain a stronger understanding of the Trust and of the services it provides to the schools.

It also afforded the opportunity to create networks with other newly appointed Principals and Deputy Principals within other CEIST schools.

Both induction days were very kindly hosted by Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise and CEIST were very grateful for their exceptionally warm welcome and hospitality provided to all on the day.

Both days began with a Prayer Service. The Chairperson of CEIST, Mr. Bernard Keeley welcomed our guests and gave an overview of CEIST.

Presentations were delivered by CEIST staff who were delighted to have the opportunity to inform the new Principals and Deputy Principals of the workings of each department and the services they each offer to our 110 schools.

A most enjoyable day was had by all who attended and CEIST staff were very grateful that our new Principals and Deputy Principals allocated us some of their valuable time to attend the induction day.



Pictured above are newly appointed Deputy Principals of CEIST schools with CEIST Staff at the CEIST induction day in Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise last Friday 21st August.



Pictured above are our newly appointed Principals with CEIST Staff at the CEIST Induction Day held on the 18th August in Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise.



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We feel that it is very important that teachers starting in our schools are fully aware of the ethos, values and traditions that will now be part of their everyday working lives.

With this in mind we are inviting teachers who have joined CEIST schools over the last 2/ 3 years to an Induction Session in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise on **Thursday 10th September from 3pm to 6pm.**

Tealcoffee and sandwiches will be available from 2:30pm.

We believe that taking up a teaching position in a CEIST school is a very significant development and one which affords us all the opportunity to share our vision in order to provide our students with the excellent holistic education which is the hallmark of our CEIST schools.

Booking Form

[Newly Appointed Teachers Induction Day](#)

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Ard Scoil na nDéise celebrates 25 years

Wednesday 2nd September 2015



Pictured above are **Principals and Deputy Principals** of Ard Scoil na nDéise.

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Ard Scoil na nDéise plans to mark its 25 years by organising a number of events over the course of the school year.

We are interested in gathering together photos and other mementos of the past 25 years of the school in order to stage a display of Memories of the Ard Scoil 1990 – 2015.

If you have photos or other mementos we would ask you to get in touch with the school in order to put the display together. All photos and mementos will be returned to their owners.

Through the local media we will keep past pupils and parents abreast of the events organised by the school to mark our 25 years.

Dorothy Hughes, Principal.



Pictured above are **Principals of Ard Scoil na nDéise, 1990 to 2015.**

Left to right: Sister Maria Goretti Kelleher (Principal 1990 to 1993), Margaret O'Brien (Principal 1993 to 2003), Angela Conway (Principal 2003 to 2006), Dorothy Hughes (Principal 2006 to present).



Deputy Principals of Ard Scoil na nDéise, 1990 to 2015.

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After much planning led by Principal Margaret Maher, and input from the likes of Dr. Gerry Jeffers, seventy students started Transition Year.

The students are divided into three classes and the programme will be coordinated by PE and Maths teacher, Ms. Sinead O'Neill.

The students will have an eventful year, which will include two separate weeks of work experience and a week of community work.

One of the first activities the students will partake in is an overnight stay in Wicklow where they will do a hike as part of the Gaisce programme.

CEIST were delighted to be present in the school for the launch on September 1st and wish the students well for the year.

May it be memorable, educational and enjoyable - all at the same time.



Pictured above (LtoR) Maths Teacher, Sinead O'Neill, Staff Member, June Byrne and School Principal, Margaret Maher.



Br. Martin O'Flaherty, CFC, Chairperson of Our Lady's Drimnagh School Board of Management cuts the ribbon.



Br. Martin pictured above with two TY students and Principal, Margaret Maher.





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This enriching journey brought together students, Sisters and teachers from across the Mercy world.

Mercy pilgrims from Ireland, England, Belize, America and Australia undertook their journey in the light of the story of Catherine McAuley, emerging with a deeper appreciation of our Mercy tradition – past, present and future.

Being in the Mercy International Centre was an experience like no other. Participating in wonderful discussions regarding the expression of Mercy and walking on the same floor boards that Catherine did was instrumental in exploring a deep understanding of Mercy, furthermore challenging our view on the world.

Catherine was a woman who experienced many struggles and yet had wonderful determination, never taking no for an answer. Having spent time in Catherine's places and spaces, students expressed their desires to carry forward her dream of compassion, of service and of Mercy.

This pilgrimage definitely brought Catherine 'alive'. Hearing the speakers converse with such enthusiasm and passion touched our hearts.

Some of the workshops were as follows; 'Obtaining Justice', 'Praying with your Body, Mind and Spirit', 'Human Trafficking', 'Ways to Live out Mercy', 'Globally Connected through Mercy' and 'Meditation'.



The spirit of Mercy was ever present during the pilgrimage. This was an extremely positive experience, seeing such a diverse group of young leaders from around the world giving up their own time to embrace the teachings of the gospel and nourish the spirit of Catherine, carrying it with them throughout the remainder of their lives.

Students acknowledged and embraced the charisms of Mercy whilst fostering an awareness of what we can do within our school and local community.

Students experienced the riches of the Mercy story before returning to their daily lives better equipped to be leaders in their schools and world.

We left Dublin with a burning desire to do better, to be better and to start now.

"There are things the poor prize more highly than gold, the kind word, the gentle compassionate look, and the patient hearings of sorrows." – M.C McAuley

Photo Gallery

[View other images](#) from the students Young Mercy Leaders Pilgrimage.



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Cycle Against Suicide

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CEIST schools were involved in all elements of the [Cycle Against Suicide Programme](#) in 2014/2015 and their "commitment was exceptional" commented Paul McBride, CEO of the programme.

The Cycle Against Suicide Programme held their **Student Leaders' Congress** in January 2015 and the following CEIST schools showcased their mental health projects on the day:

- Ardscoil na Tríonóide, Athy
- Coláiste Bríde, Clondalkin
- Mercy Secondary School, Mounthawk, Tralee
- Presentation Secondary School, Wexford
- Presentation Secondary School, Thurles
- Sacred Heart Secondary School, Drogheda
- St. Joseph's Secondary School, Rush
- St. Leo's College, Carlow

Anchor Schools

Cycle Against Suicide visited 21 **Anchor Schools** on the cycle route and co-hosted mental health events at the following CEIST Schools:

- Christ King Girls' Secondary School, Cork
- Scoil Mhuire, Longford
- Mercy Secondary School, Mounthawk
- Mercy Heights Secondary School, Skibbereen
- Presentation Secondary School, Thurles
- Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise

Ambassador Schools

45 schools received **Ambassador School status** for the programme this year including the following CEIST schools:

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- St. Joseph's Secondary School, Castlebar
- St. Mary's College, Naas

We are very grateful for the contribution that the CEIST schools make in promoting the message **'it's ok not to feel ok, and it's absolutely ok to ask for help'** commented Paul McBride, CEO of the Cycle Against Suicide programme.

CEIST congratulates all schools and personnel who have supported this very worthwhile programme and to the Cycle Against Suicide community for their great work in raising awareness of the considerable help and supports that are available for anyone battling depression, self harm, at risk of suicide or those bereaved by suicide.



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'How the World Works 2' Resource for TY

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'How the World Works 2' is relevant to economics, history, geography and religious education. It is full of activities divided into four sections:

- The first section has eleven activities and is called 'the shape of our world' which paints a picture of various aspects of the world today.
- The second section of twelve activities examines causes and consequences of global inequality.
- The third section is named 'another world is possible' and the focus of the four activities here is on the values and ethical questions surrounding prescribing the 'world we want.'
- The final section has activities to facilitate young people taking action.

The core ideas of the resource are to:

- promote awareness about the causes of global inequalities,
- create an understanding of how individuals and organisations can bring about change through their actions,
- cultivate empathy towards people in the Global South linked to a sense of responsibility towards working to support justice.

This resource provides a collection of diverse activities (making use of quiz sheets, games, role play, case studies, etc) which are easy to follow and highly engaging for students.

Download Resource

[How the world works 2.pdf](#)