



“It’s an ill-wind that blows no good” is an old saying that can be applied to the current circumstances that affect all staff members in the education sector at present. While schools will remain closed for some weeks yet to come and we have all been asked to remain at home we need to turn this situation into an opportunity, to step outside of our comfort zones and undertake some upskilling or CPD which normally we wouldn’t have the time to pursue.

The online community have certainly stepped up to the mark and the range of resources being made available free of charge is vast and perhaps some might say overwhelming to choose from.

Below is a list of Online (and free CPD) which should offer something for everyone regardless of what section of the school community you belong to.



- <https://www.pdst.ie/distancelearning>
- <http://cdetbcdu.ie/professional-development/technology-enhanced-learning-tel/remote-teaching-and-learning/>
- <https://teachercpd.ie>
- <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/>
- <https://jigsawonline.ie/working-with-young-people/>
- <https://it.umn.edu/zoom-teach-online-class-sessions>
- <https://www.actualiseacademy.com/> (Offering some of their courses for free)
- <https://onenoteforteachers.com/>

- <https://www.easycorrect.com/information/>
- <https://microsoftteams.eventbuilder.com/TeamsEducation> - (Getting Started and Set-Up)



- www.educationnation.ie
 - Free for SNAs to access till end of March. 28 hours of CPD videos. Special Needs focused.
- <https://www.actualiseacademy.com/> Offering some of their courses for free
- <http://www.dpetns.ie/Documents/User/SNA.pdf> SNA Handbook
- http://ncse.ie/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Supporting_14_05_13_web.pdf
 - Supporting children with special needs in school.
- <http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2013/04/16/23-ways-to-communicate-with-a-non-verbal-child/>
 - Communicating with a non-verbal child



<https://support.office.com/en-ie/office-training-center>

- Training and tutorials for Office 365 and Office apps, including Outlook, OneNote, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Skype for Business, and more!

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/MicrosoftTeams/instructor-led-training-teams-landing-page>

- Instructor-led training for Microsoft Teams

<https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/>

- Northstar Digital Literacy tests your computer skills. You can build skills in key areas and demonstrate your knowledge by earning certificates and badges.

<https://www.fssu.ie/app/uploads/2017/07/FSSU-SAGE-Accounts-Manual.pdf>

- FSSU Sage Accounts Manual

<https://www.actualiseacademy.com/>

- Offering some of their courses for free



https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/travel-trivia/stuck-at-home-these-12-famous-museums-offer-virtual-tours-you-can-take-on-your-couch-video/ar-BB119nm6?li=BBnbfcl&fbclid=IwAR0_OBJH7ISyTN3ug_MsOeFnNgB1orTa9OBgilKJ7dhnwIVvHEsptukj1c

- Google Arts & Culture teamed up with over 500 museums/galleries around the world to bring everyone virtual tours and online exhibits of some of the most famous museums around the world.

<https://www.dublinozoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams/>

- Watch the Dublin Zoo animals live, wherever you are.

<https://busykidsdopiano.com/membership>

- Free month of lessons with coupon code PIANOATHOME

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/>

- Dive in and start learning something new. Everything on the multi-award winning OpenLearn is free to everyone!

<https://skillscouter.com/free-best-online-cooking-courses/>

- Top 13+ Free Best Online Cooking Courses Certifications & Training

