

What

eTwinning is a free and secure online network, where teachers from more than 40 countries can find partners, work on projects, exchange best practice and enable student collaboration. eTwinning is part of the Erasmus+ programme for schools, which provides European Union funding; enabling staff to train and teach abroad.

Why

The principles of the Northern Ireland curriculum are central to what eTwinning is. The programme provides learning and teaching opportunities for pupils to acquire and develop their skills in using ICT. The free and secure platform is purposely built to enable schools to network and find suitable partners to support curriculum work. The nature of the platform helps to reflect the needs and diversity of local students in an inclusive way, across sectors and subject areas – within Northern Ireland and internationally.

- Free and funded professional development: face to face and online workshops to equip teachers with the online skills to interact, collaborate, store and share work – within a safe environment.
- Once teachers are skilled up, they can then invite pupils to a unique secure online space to work on their own curriculum related project. This online space allows students to communicate, collaborate and problem solve alongside an audience of peers from other schools.
- Teachers can assess and report on pupils' progress in using ICT and cross-curricular skills via this space. Webpages within the eTwinning platform can be made public or private, which helps schools to share student work with parents, governors and the local community.

What's been great about eTwinning is showing our children that the classroom has no borders, that they are now part of a wider community and can do anything they want and go anywhere they want... we've opened up boundaries to our children and it has given them every opportunity to then ensure that their knowledge of the world has been increased and improved.

Vice Principal: Mr Barry Corrigan. Millennium Integrated Primary School, Carryduff.

Kevin O'Neill, acting principal at St. Colmans in Annalong believes the experience is preparing the children for the global economy and the ever-changing job market: "Erasmus+ has been a fantastic adventure for our school. The CPD opportunities available to staff are unique. Video conferencing allows us to break down barriers to learning and develop a growth mind-set in our children. Erasmus+ is a definite game changer! ; eTwinning proved to be the catalyst and the vehicle that enabled like-minded educators to create their magic!"

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How your school in Northern Ireland can benefit from eTwinning and Erasmus+



98%

of school staff who took part in **Erasmus+** would recommend it to a colleague, for learning good practice from abroad, introducing new teaching methods, increased job satisfaction and enhanced career opportunities, after just a week training abroad.



50%

of schools in the UK who received Erasmus+ funding in 2016 are using **eTwinning** to support their projects.



eTwinning is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union and is managed by the British Council in the UK.

The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities.

How the eTwinning platform can support your international journey

SEARCH

for a partner and register a curriculum related project, all via the internet and the comfort of your classroom.

SIGN UP

for free to
www.etwinning.net

REGISTER

your project and secure the foundation level of the International School Award for your school.

INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL AWARD

JOB SHADOW

and take your partnership to the next level: use the School Education Gateway to find Erasmus+ courses or future opportunities to job shadow partner teachers.

COLLABORATE

using the eTwinning secure online space and tools like webinar conferencing, chat rooms and blogs to support your project, meet with your partner, save and share your project work.

APPLY

for Erasmus+ funding. In 2017 approximately two thirds of KA1 and half of KA2 applications were successful.

TRAVEL

through Erasmus+ to one or more schools across Europe. Exchange best practice and learn new teaching methods.

SKILL UP

via eTwinning's free and funded professional development opportunities.

DISCUSS

your curriculum related project idea with your partner.



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