

Delivering Social Change (DSC): Shared Education Signature Project(SESP)

Developing Shared Education: A Framework for Partnerships, November 2014

"Shared Education involves the provision of opportunities for children and young people from different community backgrounds to learn together for better education and reconciliation outcomes.

Shared education is defined as the organisation and delivery of education so that it;

- Meets the needs of, and provides for the education together of learners from all Section 75 categories and socio-economic status;
- Involves schools and other education providers of differing ownership, sectoral identity and ethos, management type or governance arrangements; and
- Delivers educational benefits to learners, promotes the efficient and effective use of resources, and promotes equality of opportunity, good relations, equality of identity, respect for diversity and community cohesion.

Specifically, Shared Education involves the provision of opportunities for children and young people from different community backgrounds to learn together.

The vision is for:

Vibrant, self-improving Shared Education partnerships delivering social change through educational benefits to pupils: promoting equality of opportunity, good relations, equality of identity, respect for diversity and community cohesion; and encouraging the efficient and effective use of resources".

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"The overall aim of the project is to scale up the level of sharing throughout schools in Northern Ireland. It can provide financial support to improve the educational and reconciliation outcomes in schools working collaboratively. The programme is open to all schools who have some experience of working in a cross-community partnership with other schools.

The Education Authority has been given responsibility for taking forward implementation of the Shared Education Signature Project".

Loreto and SESP 2017-2018

In preparation for migration to The Strule Shared Education Campus, Loreto is in SESP Partnership with Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Omagh Academy, Omagh High School, Sacred Heart College and Arvalee School and Resource Centre.

Current Shared Education Projects

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Strule Student Council

Aim: *To form of a Shared Students' Council for SSEC and “develop relationships which support collaboration” Education Authority: EA*

General	The Strule Student Council will have representatives from all schools in the SSEP partnership and “will provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact upon them”. EA
Partnership Schools	Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Omagh Academy, Omagh High School, Sacred Heart College and Arvalee School and Resource Centre.
Duration	2016-2019 (SESP)

Fun for Fitness x 2 Programmes

Aim: *To deliver Shared Education through the medium of sport and physical activity.*

General	The course will include teambuilding and fitness sessions, a functional movement session, led by “Mid Ulster Strength and Conditioning”; and a final shared education workshop led by Speedwell Trust at Parkanaur Forest, Dungannon. 3 of 4 sessions of the programme will take place at Arvalee School and Resource Centre, lead school.
Partnership Schools	Christian Brothers’ Grammar School, Omagh High School, Arvalee School and Resource Centre.
Duration	Programme 1 4 weeks: 10 th January 2018-31 st January 2018 Programme 2 4 weeks: 21 st February 2018 - 14 th March 2018

Education 2 Enterprise

Mission Statement: “*Through the Education 2 Enterprise programme students will enhance their educational skills by developing enterprise skills. Students will learn through teamwork and participation with students from other schools in the area, fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship*”

General	All activities will take place at Omagh Enterprise Company. The students will use a range of Microsoft programmes to complete this project, which will further develop their computer / ICT skills. The programme is designed to meet the objectives of curriculum at Key Stage 4, as in “The Big Picture” Lead School: Loreto Grammar School
Partnership Schools	Christian Brothers’ Grammar School, Omagh Academy, Omagh High School, Sacred Heart College
Duration	22 nd January 2018 - 12 th March 2018

Education2Enterprise Dragons' Den Event

Education 2 Enterprise -Entrepreneurship strong among Omagh Students

On 12th March 2018 Key Stage 4 pupils from Years 11 and 12 across 5 Omagh Schools, collaborating in a Shared Education Signature Project, had the chance to showcase their entrepreneurial skills at a Dragons' Den Event. This event marked the end of the seven-week Education 2 Enterprise programme, co-ordinated by Loreto Grammar School and Omagh Enterprise Centre. The aim of the programme was to enhance pupils' educational skills by developing enterprise skills. There was opportunity to learn through teamwork with each of the 5 schools involved: Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Omagh Academy, Omagh High School, Loreto Grammar School and Sacred Heart College. In addition to fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship, students gained an insight and hands-on experience of enterprise and in preparation for the Dragons' Den event, they developed market research methods, gained knowledge of the different legal status for business, explored financial planning for their proposed business and developed presentation skills and techniques. All sessions were facilitated by Omagh Enterprise Centre and located in their premises. The final "Dragon's Den" Event saw each team present their business pitch before a panel of judges, including David Bradshaw, Invest NI, Nicholas O' Shiel, Chief Executive Omagh Enterprise Company and Bronagh Gormley, Omagh Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Mac Rory from Omagh Enterprise Company whose team delivered the Education2Enterprise programme said "We were delighted to get the opportunity to work with the young people from the local schools and we were overwhelmed by their enthusiasm and interest in enterprise. We look forward to a continued working relationship with the schools to ensure that enterprise continues to be a career option for young people". Principal of Loreto Grammar School, Mrs Grainne O' Hanlon stated that breaking the boundaries of classrooms and broadening horizons into the world of Business and Enterprise is an exciting step for all the schools in the STRULE Partnership. On behalf of the schools, she thanked the Omagh Enterprise team, led by Nicholas O' Shiel and Mary Mac Rory for their expertise and commitment.

Prior to the presentations, pupils had the opportunity to engage in an ice-breaker and team event, led by Duff Balloons where they enjoyed the practical demonstrations provided by Mr Treacey followed by their own balloon creations.

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Minority Sports	
Aim: <i>To train and raise awareness of Boccia, leading to a Leadership Award</i>	
General	The project will prove accredited leadership training and offer a qualification. This will lead a Boccia Sports Event at which trained leaders will supervise.
Partnership Schools	<p>The six schools involved in Shared Education partnership are Arvalee School & Resource Centre, Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Loreto Grammar School, Omagh Academy Grammar School, Omagh High School and Sacred Heart College.</p> <p>Christian Brothers' Grammar School and Arvalee School have arranged for Post 16 pupils from all Strule Schools to gain a 'Boccia Leadership Award', delivered by Disability Sport Northern Ireland. This award is a great opportunity for pupils to gain a qualification in Paralympic sport, developing their organisational, communication and team working skills.</p>
Duration	<p>Tuesday 30th January: Training Day 1 Updated Training: 27th February / 6th March Boccia Sports Event 21st March 2018</p>

Boccia Broadening Horizons Competition

On Wednesday 21st March, Key Stage 5 pupils from Arvalee School, Omagh High School, Omagh Academy, Christian Brothers Grammar School, Loreto Grammar School and Sacred Heart College organised the first, fully inclusive, ‘Broadening Horizons Boccia Championship’ at Omagh Leisure Centre. Boccia is a fully inclusive target ball sport, similar in principle to bowls but is played indoors with soft leather balls. It is a sport of intriguing tactics, incredible skill and nail biting tension. It is played at Paralympic level, suitable for people of all fitness levels and abilities. The Post 16 pupils worked hard to achieve a Boccia Leadership Award from Disability Sport Northern Ireland (D.S.N.I) and are now Boccia leaders. The pupils learned about the; history/background of Boccia, rules, refereeing skills, coaching activities/strategies, court layout, inclusive equipment/strategies and how to organise a competition. The Boccia leaders worked together, displaying high levels of leadership, organisational and teamwork skills ensuring all Key Stage 3 pupils had an enjoyable day. The championship involved Key Stage 3 pupils from Special and Mainstream Schools in the Omagh area, competing to be crowned the winners of the ‘Broadening Horizons Boccia Championship’. All teams produced some amazing throwing skills, strategic thinking and sportsmanship. It was a very competitive championship with two nail biting semi-finals that were decided on tie breaks. The final was a very tense and nervy affair between Christian Brothers Grammar School, Omagh and Knockavoe School, Strabane, both teams produced some fantastic shots but unfortunately there can only be one winner. Knockavoe School came out the deserving champions, making history to be the first team to be crowned champions of the ‘Broadening Horizons Boccia Championship’. The Boccia leaders really enjoyed working with all pupils and would like to thank all schools for entering teams. We hope to see all schools again next year!

See video attached

BTEC Sport Activate Fitness Testing Project
Aim: To increase students' awareness of fitness testing, Unit 7 BTEC Sport Specification, through theory and practice.
General: This education project will help to reinforce and expand the pupils' knowledge of fitness testing in the local sports industry and will involve a trip to the UUJ Performance Sports Facilities where the pupils will participate in numerous fitness tests that are carried out to the highest standard. This project will give pupils the underpinning knowledge as well as extra resources to help them carry out their fitness testing assignments.
Partnership Schools: 4 Schools: Loreto Grammar School (Host School), Omagh Academy (Omagh Learning Community link with Omagh High School and Sacred Heart College).
Duration: 4 weeks. Fitness Testing Event in UUJ on 20 th April 2018

Local Schools Shared Project leads to University Testing

Recently Post 16 pupils from Year 13 across 4 Omagh Schools, collaborating in a Shared Education Signature Project, had the chance to attend the University of Ulster in Jordanstown to participate in Fitness Tests carried out by UUJ staff. This event was part of a 4-week programme, co-ordinated by Loreto Grammar School and also included pupils from Omagh Academy, Omagh High school and Sacred Heart College.

This was an excellent educational opportunity for the pupils and offered hands-on experience in the use of and protocol surrounding the most up to date technology and equipment used in fitness testing. This shared project was designed to meet the criteria of Unit 7 Fitness Testing within the BTEC Sport Specification and all information recorded and data collated can be used as a basis for further research in this unit. The practical experience and expertise gained, in addition to the particular curricular focus for the BTEC students enhanced the project. The opportunity to engage with partner schools allowed more extensive tests to be carried out, developed teamwork skills and added interest and enjoyment.

Head of PE at Loreto Grammar School, Christine Mc Cann said the project was active, informative and worthwhile in terms of knowledge gained and skills developed. On behalf of the schools in the shared venture, she wishes to acknowledge the Sports Centre at University of Ulster for their hospitality, enthusiasm and commitment to making this link a success for current and future BTEC Sport students.

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Education2Enterprise Year 10 Event

On 15th June, 60 Year 10 pupils across all 6 schools in the Strule Partnership participated in an “Education2Enterprise” Event, organised by Loreto Grammar School and facilitated by Omagh Enterprise Company. In addition to Loreto, the schools involved in the Strule Partnership include Arvalee School and Resource Centre, Christian Brothers’ Grammar School, Omagh Academy, Omagh High School and Sacred Heart College. The aim of the event was to break the boundaries of classrooms and broaden horizons into the world of Business and Enterprise. Pupils were introduced to Enterprise, learned about the traits and skills of an entrepreneur through examples of successful business leaders who have hailed from each of the 6 local schools. Guest speaker was Ryan Tracey from Duff balloons who delivered an engaging, interactive and informative session, inspiring the pupils with an account of his personal journey and achievements, underpinned by a positive can-do approach.

Pupils, in mixed school groups worked on a business pitch, following advice from local business advisors and presented their poster pitch to the panel of judges which included Nicholas O Shiel- Chief Executive, Omagh Enterprise Company, Dermot Devlin - My Way Access and Mary-Jo McGuire - INVEST NI.

The judges were highly impressed with the outcome of the group work and commended the standard and delivery of the pitches. Mr O’ Shiel congratulated all involved and encouraged pupils to seek opportunities, to develop entrepreneurship and to foster a self-belief that can make dreams possible and ideas a reality.

Mrs Cullinan, SESP co-ordinator from Loreto Grammar School thanked Mary Mac Rory from Omagh Enterprise Company and her team for organising the very successful shared “Education2Enterprise” event and opening the world of business and enterprise to pupils in Omagh.

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