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SUPPORT WEBINAR FOR SCHOOLS WELCOMING UKRAINIAN CHILDREN



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Cumann Múinteoirí Éireann

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Joe McKeown, INTO President

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CHARLOTTE BYRNE
IRISH REFUGEE
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Charlotte Byrne is the Education Officer with the Irish Refugee Council. She works with people aged 18 and above to further their education journey into Further and Higher Education. She believes in lifelong education and that education is never wasted.

As well as managing an education fund, she advocates with government to provide more support and higher education institutions to provide Sanctuary Scholarships. She also produces an annual Education Information Booklet with up-to-date information on sources of support and funding for Refugees and Protection Applicants.

Natasha Muldoon is a youth worker with the Irish Refugee Council and works with young people who are seeking international protection or have status.

The Irish Refugee Council youth work programme aims to support and empower these young people through one-to-one work, group work and innovative projects.



NATASHA MULDOON
IRISH REFUGEE
COUNCIL



JESSICA FARNAN
MANAGER OF THE
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CITY OF DUBLIN
EDUCATION AND
TRAINING BOARD

Jessica Farnan is the manager of the Youth and Education Service (YES) for Refugees and Migrants in the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb).

Since its inception in 2001, Jessica has developed the service from a small pilot project to an established service, that works with over 200 young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds – in particular unaccompanied children. The Service runs a range of education programmes and youth work interventions that complement formal education provision and non-formal youth work practice.

Jessica has contributed to the development of intercultural policies and good practice development across the education and youth work sector in Ireland. She is part of the Advisory Group for ITM's Yellow Flag Intercultural Schools Programme and chairs the Minority Ethnic Advisory Group in Dublin's North East Inner City (NEIC).

Aoife Merrins-Gallagher is a primary school teacher who began her teaching career almost nine years ago in the Irish education system. Aoife taught in mainstream and support settings in the early stages of her career, before commencing full-time doctoral research in 2018 (DCU-INTO150 PhD Scholarship).

Since then, she has developed a bilingual oral narrative programme, Tell-a-Tale | Inis Scéal, in response to the academic needs and linguistic strengths of children with EAL.

Aoife lectures part-time for Initial Teacher Education providers in DCU and MU, and also facilitates webinars for in-service teachers through local Education Centres. She is a member of Mother Tongues Ireland, English Language Support Teachers' Association of Ireland, and Children's Research Network.



AOIFE MERRINS-
GALLAGHER
TEACHER, LECTURER
AND RESEARCHER
IN THE AREA OF EAL
(DCU PHD
SCHOLAR)



MARIE DELANEY
EDUCATIONAL
PSYCHOTHERAPIST

Marie Delaney is based in Cork and trained as a teacher and Educational Psychotherapist. She is co-founder of Trauma Responsive Education, a social enterprise dedicated to supporting schools and staff in understanding the impact of trauma on learning and behaviour. She has worked as an EAL teacher and consultant with the British Council on various projects for the inclusion of refugees in formal and non-formal education in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Greece.

Noel Loftus is administrative principal of St. Attracta's N.S. Ballaghaderreen. Co. Roscommon for almost four years. Before then he was on secondment to the National Induction Programme for Teachers, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment and teaching principal. Noel works as a part-time tutor with Mayo Education Centre, Hibernia College and the NIPT. He is a Centre for School Leadership coach for newly appointed principals.

As principal of St. Attracta's, Noel liaises closely with the Emergency Refugee Orientation Centre (EROC) in Ballaghaderreen, one of only two EROCs in Ireland. Since 2018 Noel and his staff have welcomed children into their school from war-torn Syria and more recently Afghanistan.



NOEL LOFTUS
PRINCIPAL



CHRISTINA
HENNIGAN
TEACHER

Christina Hennigan is a primary school teacher who is currently teaching 5th Class in St. Attracta's N.S. She has a BA in Early Childhood Care and Education, a PGCE, a Postgraduate Diploma in Special Educational Needs and a Masters in Education.

Christina has a keen interest in the areas of Art, Mathematics, Science and Wellbeing.

