

# Study Visit to Euroguidance Ireland

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### Overview of the Irish Education System and Guidance within the system

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- Early childhood education (preschool, aged 4/5)
- Primary School (aged 4/5 – 12)
- Post Primary schools (aged 12 – 18)
- ✓ Junior Cycle (12-15yrs): Transition Year (15-16yrs);  
Senior Cycle (16-18yrs )
- Further Education Colleges/ Post Leaving Cert- vocational education ( age 18 +)
- Further Education and Training / Apprenticeships / Adult Education ( literacy/ numeracy , basic IT) (16-18+)
- Higher Education - Universities / Institutes of Technology



- Post Primary schools ( aged 12 – 18)
- Further Education Colleges ( age 18 +)
- Further Education and Training / Adult Education Guidance (over 16 yrs. with no formal education qualifications)
- Higher education Careers Services ( i.e. Universities & Institutes of Technology )



The Education Act (1998) in Section 9 states that a school shall use its available resources to:

**c) Ensure that students have access to appropriate guidance to assist them in their educational and career choices**



### **Guidance in schools (DES, 2005)**

*“refers to a range of learning experiences provided in a developmental sequence, that assist students to develop self-management skills which will lead to effective choices and decisions about their lives. It encompasses the three separate, but interlinked, areas of personal and social development, educational guidance and career guidance”.*

### **National Guidance Forum Report 2007**

*Guidance facilitates people throughout their lives to manage their own educational, training, occupational, personal, social and life choices so that they reach their full potential and contribute to the development of a better society.*



### **Department of Education and Skills *Circulars***

- DES Allocation of Guidance Hours in Schools
- DES Guidelines on Employment conditions
- DES Guidelines on use of Assessments in Guidance
- DES Guidelines on AEGI staff

### **Programme Recognition Framework (PRF) 2016**

*“sets out criteria and guidelines for providers of initial education programmes in guidance counselling<sup>1</sup> who intend that their programme graduates will work in guidance services under the remit of the Department of Education and Skills..”*

Process in place for review of University programmes in 2019



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***Mission: Develop, support and influence quality guidance provision in the education and training sector as part of lifelong learning in accordance with national and international best practice***



**...as outlined by the Department of Education and Skills, include to:**

- promote the implementation of best practice in guidance counselling in schools, centres for education, and Further Education and Training settings
- promote the implementation of best practice in guidance counselling in non-formal settings in accordance with national priorities
- advise on policy and strategies for the promotion of a continuum of guidance in the context of lifelong learning
- provide advice, support, materials and resources for guidance counselling in education and FET
- advise on high quality and relevant initial guidance counselling education and training and to provide continuing professional development (CPD) for guidance practitioners
- organise the provision of guidance to Irish nationals in the European Schools
- contribute to the exchange of information on guidance counselling provision and practice with other guidance and employment services, through the National Resource Centre, (Euroguidance Centre) both in Ireland and in other Member States of the EU





***We inform, influence, facilitate and support the development of guidance policy and practice.....***

***Post Primary    Further Education and Training    Euroguidance***

- Inform Dept. of Education and Skills & other Government departments – development of policy / circulars / research / reports etc
- Co-ordinate the provision of & deliver Continuing Professional Development
- Host / co-ordinate working groups
- Provide resources /materials
- Best practice guidelines
- Host the National Forum on Guidance
- Host Euroguidance Centre for Ireland
- Use of ICT
- Commission Research
- Engage with stakeholders



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- Represent Ireland at EU Commission
- Attend / present at ICCDPP Symposium
- Attend / present at IAEVG
- Director – member of CEDEFOP CareersNet
- Host National Forum on Guidance – International speakers
- Briefing papers / reports to DES



NCGE supports, co-operates with, informs and advises other government departments and national agencies on guidance issues to support guidance developments





- National Skills Strategy
- DES Action Plan on Education 2016-2019
- Further Education and Training Strategy 2014-2019
- National Access to Higher Education Strategy
- STEM Strategy
- Languages Initiative Strategy
- Upskilling Agenda
  
- Various review reports on FET Provision  
(PLC / Youthreach etc.)
- DES Review of Careers Information and Tools -2019  
(expected)



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# Go raibh maith agaibh

# Thank you



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