



Lárionad Náisiúnta um Threoir san Oideachas
National Centre for Guidance in Education

Overview of Guidance in Ireland, NCGE, Policy and Practice

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Presentation Overview

- Overview of Education System in Ireland
- Guidance in Post Primary Schools
- Guidance in FET
- Guidance in Higher Education / Public Employment Sector
- EU Guidelines
- Guidance Qualifications
- NCGE Committees to inform policy and support practice
- Euroguidance Ireland
- NCGE Resources

Irish Education System

Primary School Ages 4-12

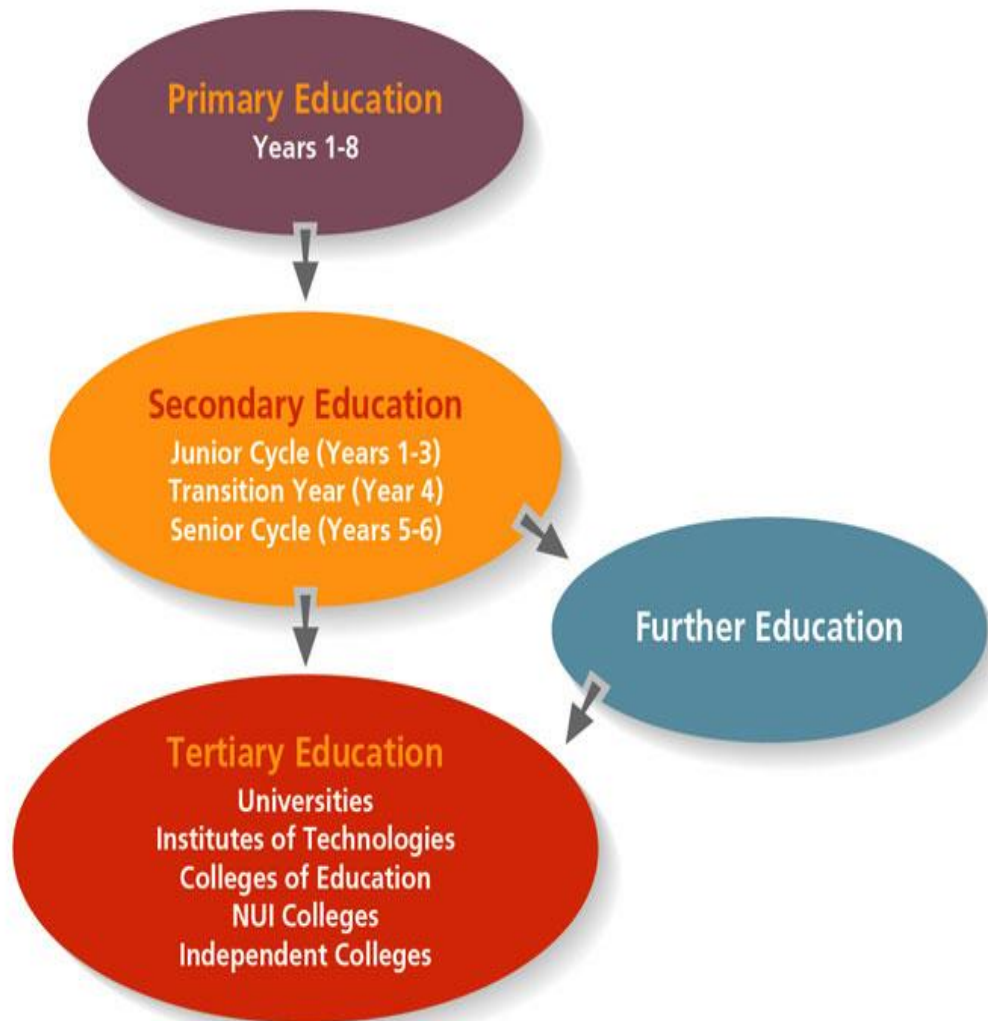
Secondary School Ages 12-18

Further Education Ages 18+

Higher Education Ages 18 +

Further Education Ages 18+

- Adult Ed
- Early School leavers (age 16+)
- VET
- Apprenticeships
- Vocational Education at NFQ levels 5-6





NCGE: Overview

- Agency of Department of Education and Skills (DES) operating under aegis of Léargas
- Management of Guidance Committee – Chair nominated by Minister; Members: - Léargas, DES, SOLAS, DSP, ETBI, NAPD, HEA, Directors of Studies, IGC and AEGAI
- 7 Core Staff : Director, 2 Guidance Programme Coordinators (School/FET); 2 Guidance Officers (FET/Euroguidance), Office Administrator, Communications Officer and Contract staff for specific projects



NCGE: Overview -2

- Funded by DES, SOLAS and EU Commission
- Host EU Commission funded Euroguidance Centre for Ireland
- Designated representatives for Ireland in EU regarding Guidance
- Host National Forum on Guidance twice per year
- On SOLAS Advisory Committees re FET Strategy
- Work with ETBI and Schools and FET Directors re guidance
- Scoping Report on Guidance to inform DES Review under National Skills Strategy 2025



NCGE: Overview -3

NCGE Strategic Objectives for 2015-2017 include to:

- inform and support the development of DES lifelong guidance policy in the education and training sector
- develop and support quality guidance practice in post-primary schools and the FET sector
- co-ordinate the provision of Continuing Professional development (CPD) for guidance counsellors and practitioners in post primary schools and FET
- promote and support a national and EU focus to guidance policy provision and practice

Guidance Policy

- The Education Act, 1998 (Section 9)
 - *A recognised 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*
 - Key words: ‘*available resources*’, ‘*access*’ and ‘*appropriate guidance*’



Guidance in FET

- Adult Educational Guidance Initiative (AEGI)
- Adult Guidance Management System – (AGMS database)
- Provide Qualitative and Quantitative reports to SOLAS and DES from AGMS
- Continuous Professional Development Programme for guidance staff in FET (online and workshops)
- Guidance in Wider FET – Youthreach/CTCs, Advocates, Training Centres, Prison Services, etc.
- Guidance in Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) Colleges of Further Education
- FET Guidance Online Handbook FET Guidance Strategy – to be developed with SOLAS



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Guidance in HE and PES

- Higher Education Careers Advice Services

Association of Higher Education Careers Services

<http://www.ahecs.ie>

- Public Employment Services

Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection

https://www.welfare.ie/en/pages/intreo_home.aspx



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EU Guidelines for Guidance

European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network

www.elgpn.eu

<http://www.elgpn.eu/publications/browse-by-language/english/elgpn-tools-no-6-guidelines-for-policies-and-systems-development-for-lifelong-guidance/>

Quality Assurance and Evidence Base

http://www.elgpn.eu/publications/browse-by-language/english/ELGPN_QAE_tool_no_5_web.pdf/

Career Management Skills

http://www.elgpn.eu/publications/browse-by-language/english/ELGPN_CMS_tool_no_4_web.pdf



EU Guidelines for Guidance - QA

Quality Assurance in Guidance

5 Key elements

- Practitioner Competence
- Citizen / User Involvement
- Service Provision & Improvement
- Cost benefit to governments
- Cost benefit to individuals

Guidance Qualification requirements

- In schools - DES recognised teaching qualification
- DES recognised qualification in guidance counselling
- 5 Universities offering 6 programmes
 - Masters/Postgraduate Diplomas
 - Part-time



Qualification requirements

- DES Programme Recognition Framework
 - Criteria and guidelines for providers of initial education programmes in guidance counselling
 - Graduates who wish to work in guidance services under the remit of DES in schools and FET
 - 8 areas of competence and placement



NCGE Committees

- Advisory Committee on Psychometric Testing
- Directors of Studies in Guidance Counselling
(i.e. Universities Course Directors)
- Post-primary guidance working group
 - data gathering/evidence informed practice and Whole School Guidance framework





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NCGE / Euroguidance Ireland Centre

Functions:

- Promote EU dimension of Guidance Counselling
- Provide quality information on lifelong guidance and mobility for learning purposes
- Work with EU networks to create awareness of EU Initiatives for general public



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Euroguidance Target Groups

Primary Target Groups

- Policy Makers
- Guidance Counsellors

Secondary Target Groups

- Students
- Parents
- Unemployed people
- General Public



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Mobility Guidance Counselling (MGC) (online CPD)

A screenshot of a web browser displaying a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) interface. The browser window has a tab titled 'MGC Autumn2016: Clid' and the address bar shows 'vle.ncge.ie/mod/scorm/player.php'. The page content includes the 'ncge VLE' logo, navigation links for 'MY HOME', 'MY COURSES', and 'EUROGUIDANCE', and a button labeled 'Click here to launch the course'. A central pop-up window, titled '12th September 2016 - Microsoft Edge', displays the course launch page. This page features the 'euro | guidance IRELAND' logo, the title 'Mobility Guidance Counselling', an illustration of a woman with a suitcase, and logos for 'ncge' and 'Erasmus+'. A 'NEXT >' button is at the bottom of the pop-up. Below the pop-up is a 'Launch' button. The browser's address bar also shows 'vle.ncge.ie/pluginfile.php/1420/mod_scorm/content/2/index_lms.html'. The browser's top right corner indicates the user is logged in as 'Liz Glennon' and provides text size options. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 10:00 on 22/02/2017.



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NCGE Resources

- NCGE website www.ncge.ie
- Euroguidance website www.euroguidance.ie
- School Guidance Handbook www.schoolguidancehandbook.ncge.ie
- NCGE News <http://www.ncge.ie/newsletter>





NCGE Links

- <https://www.ncge.ie/sites/default/files/ncge/uploads/NCGE-Strategic Plan FINAL Dec 2015.pdf>
- <http://www.ncgeadultguidance.ie>
- <https://www.ncge.ie/national-forum-guidance>
- <https://www.ncge.ie/ncge/national-forum-guidance-first-meeting-2017>
- <https://www.ncge.ie/ncge/becoming-guidance-counsellor>
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