

eTwinning for Future Teachers



What is eTwinning?

[eTwinning](#) is the community for schools in Europe, with members from over 40 countries. eTwinning offers a platform for staff working in schools to communicate, collaborate, develop projects and be part of the most exciting learning community in Europe. eTwinning is co-funded by the European Union and is part of [Erasmus+](#), the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport.

eTwinning for Future Teachers

The eTwinning for Future Teachers initiative aims to raise awareness of eTwinning to initial teacher educators and their students and to involve student teachers in short eTwinning projects while still in teacher training.

eTwinning for Future Teachers makes it possible to:

- Experiment with project-based teaching and interdisciplinary learning
- Develop and apply ICT and language skills
- Implement virtual collaborative projects with students
- Gain international and intercultural experience and exchange
- Develop professional competences e.g. project management and teamwork
- Reflect on professional practice through exchange of best practice with international colleagues



Introducing eTwinning to Our University

Models to introduce eTwinning vary by country and institution. They usually include two main activities:

1. Inclusion of an 'Introduction to eTwinning' workshop during the academic year. In this case, an eTwinning ambassador will visit your university and deliver an information session.
2. Creation of small, collaborative eTwinning projects among lecturers and/or among student teachers at local, national or international level. These can also take the form of small eTwinning projects with pupils when student teachers are on placement in school.

How do I get involved?

1. Create an EU login on the [European School Education Platform](#) and register for eTwinning when prompted upon login.
2. Join the [eTwinning for Future Teachers](#) group to meet other teacher educators and their students.
3. Join an ITE partner-finding session, details of which will be advertised in the news section of your eTwinning feed or on the eTwinning Ireland social media.

Contact [Léargas](#), the Irish eTwinning National Support Organisation, for support, or to organise an information session for your students.

What does an eTwinning project look like?

eTwinning projects often accompany a class throughout the school year but can also be implemented over a shorter timeframe. eTwinning is suitable for all ages through early childhood, primary, secondary and vocational education. Projects can deal with any subject matter and can have multiple partners from different countries, or groups from the same school involved. Léargas, the Irish National Support Organisation for eTwinning, has developed project kits which demonstrate what sort of activities you can undertake and how they link to the Irish school curricula. Explore the kits here:

PRIMARY ONLY:

- [Celebration Maths](#)
- [Green Horizons](#)

PRIMARY & POST-PRIMARY:

- [Think Like A Leader \(SDGs\)](#)
- [Seachtain na Gaeilge](#)

Other eTwinning opportunities:

- 1. International learning and collaboration:** each year, Léargas sends members of the eTwinning network to professional development workshops (PDWs) in different eTwinning programme countries. These workshops allow participants to network, learn together and share best practice. Find out about current opportunities [here](#).
- 2. Online professional development:** you can join free learning events and online seminars led by experts in dozens of different areas. eTwinners can access free teaching resources through the [Discover](#) and [Teach](#) sections of the platform, and webinars, courses and MOOCs through the [Learn](#) section.

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