



## Droichead Update Term 2 2023.2024

### Droichead in Numbers \*(as of 07.02.2024)

- 2,362: Primary schools trained in the Droichead process
- 8,358: Fully trained primary Professional Support Team (PST) members
- 2,335: Droichead applications received by the Teaching Council from primary NQTs to date in this academic year
- 1,268: Primary schools currently supporting NQTs through the Droichead process

### PST

#### PST Members

- As a PST member, please ensure your details are up-to-date on the Teaching Council's "[My Registration](#)" portal so that NQTs can select you as their PST member.
- A minimum of two PST members must be available to support an NQT through the Droichead process. While on leave, PST members are not permitted to support NQTs through the Droichead process.
- In the event that a PST member leaves the school, becomes ill etc., a school may apply for training for additional staff members via [this online form](#).
- If a school is not in a position to have an additional staff member trained, and has one remaining PST member, the **External Model** or the **Interschool Model** may be used to ensure that the Droichead process may be facilitated.
- If your school has any queries regarding access to PST training, please contact your Professional Learning Leader (PLL) to discuss. PLL contact details are available [on our website](#).

#### Droichead Events

- **Droichead Refresher Events** aim to further complement PST members' knowledge of the Droichead process as well as providing advice, support and resources to assist PST members' engagement with NQTs. Invitations this year are targeted at PST members who trained prior to September 2021 and invitations for events in Term 2 have already issued. Invitations to Droichead Refresher Events in Term 3 will issue later in Term 2.
- Cuirfidh an Rannán Ionduchtúcháin Oide Droichead Imeacht Athnuachana Droichead **ar fáil trí Ghaeilge ar an Mháirt 30ú Aibreán 11.00rn-1.00in. Cuirfear cuirí amach leis na hImeachtaí Athnuachana eile.**
- **Droichead Information Sessions for Principals** aim to support and inform principals about Droichead. These events will be offered during Term 2 and Term 3 and principals will be contacted directly.

<b>Release Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools undertaking the Droichead process are reminded that release time is provided for school-based induction activities. This release time can also be used to facilitate a school visit from a PLL. Please see <a href="#">Droichead Release Time Information</a> for further details.</li> </ul>
<b>Information for NQTs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NQTs are advised to only consult official websites/channels for information regarding Droichead, for example: <a href="https://oide.ie/droichead/home/">https://oide.ie/droichead/home/</a>, <a href="https://www.teachingcouncil.ie">https://www.teachingcouncil.ie</a>, <a href="https://www.gov.ie">https://www.gov.ie</a></li> <li>The <b>closing date for Droichead applications 2023.2024</b> is Friday, March 8th 2024. Application is via <a href="https://www.teachingcouncil.ie">https://www.teachingcouncil.ie</a></li> <li>Cluster Meetings are offered in line with the <a href="#">Droichead Cluster Meeting Calendar 2023.2024</a> This should be read in tandem with <a href="#">Cluster Meetings: Important Information and Attendance Protocols</a>.</li> <li>Cluster Meeting 1 takes place face-to-face in local education support centres. Cluster Meetings 2 and 3 are offered online via Zoom. Cluster Meeting 2 will be offered trí Ghaeilge the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February (details available at <a href="https://oide-droichead.com">oide-droichead.com</a>).</li> <li>NQTs who commenced their Droichead process in Term 1 but <b>did not complete Cluster Meeting 1 in Term 1</b> must email <a href="mailto:NQTinduction@oide.ie">NQTinduction@oide.ie</a> for advice on next steps.</li> <li>A suite of <a href="#">Online Induction Workshops</a> is available to NQTs via our online learning platform. Many NQTs engage with the workshops as part of their Droichead process (as an <b>Additional Professional Learning Activity - Strand B</b>).</li> <li>Once NQTs have fully completed their Droichead process, they can log in to <a href="#">My Registration</a> on the Teaching Council’s website and complete Form D. This <a href="#">explanatory video</a> further outlines the process. Please note that <b>all five pages</b> of Form D must be submitted.</li> </ul>
<b>The Droichead Toolkit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A variety of support documents are available to schools in the Droichead Toolkit section located <a href="#">on our website</a>.</li> <li>The <a href="#">sample Droichead Outline Plan</a> (as referenced in the Teaching Council’s Droichead policy) has been updated for 2023.2024. This document is created by the PST in consultation with the NQT and is an indicative timeframe of an NQT’s Droichead process in their school.</li> <li>The <a href="#">Droichead Standards and Induction Plan</a> combines the “Droichead Standards and School Context Examples” document and the “Needs Analysis Induction Plan” document.</li> <li>The <a href="#">Droichead Key Steps</a> document acts as a roadmap for the Droichead process.</li> </ul>



<b>Recruitment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Droichead Induction Division may have a number of associate positions in 2024.2025.</li> <li>• Associates are engaged to work in a part-time capacity to support the work of the Division. Further details will be available via X in due course (@oide_Droichead).</li> </ul>
<b>X</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please follow @oide_Droichead on X to keep up-to-date with news and events.</li> </ul>
<b>Folláine le Chéile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reminder to all Principals, PST members and NQTs of the Folláine le Chéile service that is available to you.</li> <li>• 1800 411 057 24hours /365 days</li> <li>• Text 'Hi' to 087 1452056 and request a call back</li> </ul>
<p>We welcome all NQTs engaging in the Droichead process 2023.2024, and we thank Principals and PST members for the support you provide to our newest colleagues.</p>	

