



## Droichead Update Term 2 2023.2024

### Droichead in Numbers

- 709 Post-primary schools trained in the Droichead process
- 3,388 Fully trained Post-primary Professional Support Team (PST) Members
- 1,994 Droichead applications received by the Teaching Council from Post-primary NQTs to date in this academic year
- 624 Post-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 request a **replacement PST member** via this [online form](#).
- If a school is not in a position to nominate a replacement member, and has one remaining PST member, possible options to ensure the Droichead process can be facilitated in your school are the **External Model** (details [here](#)) or [Interschool Model](#).
- 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 [here](#).

#### Droichead Refresher Events

- Thanks to the PST members who attended our **Droichead Refresher Events** to date for their professional engagement, active participation and sharing of best practices.
- Additional events may take place in Term 3. Please contact [angie.grogan@oide.ie](mailto:angie.grogan@oide.ie) to join a waiting list for upcoming events.

#### Advanced Mentoring in the Droichead Context

- The post-primary team is hosting a series of online events - **Advanced Mentoring in the Droichead context**. These interactive events will enhance the professional development of fully trained post-primary PST members.
- All eligible members have received an email outlining dates and times. Please contact [angie.grogan@oide.ie](mailto:angie.grogan@oide.ie) to join a waiting list for upcoming events.

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| <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="#">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.</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<br/>Planning and Preparation Support</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A variety of support documents are available to schools in <a href="#">the Droichead Toolkit</a> section of our website.</li> <li>A number of resources have been added to <a href="#">Planning and Preparation Support section</a> of the website to support NQTs in their planning for students with SEN.</li> </ul>  |



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| <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 24 hours/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> |   |

