



Education and Culture  
Lifelong Learning Programme  
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Dublin West Education Centre  
Old Blessington Road  
Tallaght, Dublin 24  
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## Comenius Network: *Roots and Wings*

### **“Sharing Similarities – Respecting Differences”**

A conference celebrating and disseminating  
the successes of the Roots and Wings  
network

**VENUE: Dublin, Ireland**

#### **What can you expect?**

- To learn about the successful history of the Roots and Wings network and its work supporting schools embarking on international projects based on a cultural heritage theme
- Examples of excellent practice in this field from experienced teachers and advisors
- Information about the new Lifelong Learning Programme and how to get on board
- Hands-on ICT training from experts in the field
- To get an insight into the Irish Education system with particular reference to the successful integration of “international” pupils
- Visits to local schools
- The opportunity to meet up with teachers from a variety of European countries
- Excursions to the sights of Dublin, one of Europe’s oldest capital cities
- An opportunity to learn something of the culture and language of Ireland
- The International Market place

#### **How can you prepare?**

You need a good level of spoken English and basic ICT skills to benefit fully from this conference.

Speak to your colleagues at school, and come with some ideas for an e-twinning or Comenius project as we are expecting many teachers from different countries to attend, and the conference may provide you with the opportunity to initiate new projects together.

You can find further information regarding some of the partners involved in the organising of this conference by accessing the following websites:

[www.roots-and-wings.dk](http://www.roots-and-wings.dk)

[www.dwec.ie](http://www.dwec.ie)

[www.cardinet.ceredigion.gov.uk](http://www.cardinet.ceredigion.gov.uk)

## What could you bring?

A small sample of food and/or drink, representative of your country for the International Marketplace.

Information about your area and school e.g.:

- Photos
- Prospectus
- Maps
- Posters and leaflets
- Postcards
- Your national flag

20 copies of a “business” card with the following details:

- A photo of yourself
- Your name
- Contact details
- The name of your school
- Your country
- A few initial ideas for a project

You may also like to bring your laptop and a memory stick

### Conference costs

You will need to apply to your National Agency for a Comenius 2 in-service grant for funding to attend this conference **by May 31st at the latest**. Please ensure your National Agency has confirmed your funding for this conference. Funding for travel should include travel costs from your home to your nearest airport, your plane journey, travel to the Sheldon Park Hotel, and return, also travel insurance if required.

**You must also register your intention of attending with the course organisers by 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

The cost of this conference itself is €600.00 and this must be paid to Dublin West Education Centre before 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The conference fee will cover organisation costs, conference documents, all meals, accommodation, entry fees and bus transport during the visit. Please note that there is a non returnable €100 booking deposit / cancellation fee.

### Schedule for Attendance:

**31<sup>st</sup> May** - Registration (details on Registration Form)

**14<sup>th</sup> July** – Return of original signed Registration Form with €100 Booking deposit / cancellation fee

**12<sup>th</sup> September** – Payment in full of €500 balance conference fee

### Travel arrangements

Dublin airport is conveniently located approximately 10 km north of Dublin city centre. When traveling to the Sheldon Park Hotel, the most direct means of transport is taxi. Taxis are available from the forecourt on the Arrivals level road. The cost of travel to the hotel via taxi is €35-€45 per taxi.

For public transport, you may travel by Aircoach into O' Connell St (cost €7), where you can pick up a Luas tram (cost €1.90) which will drop you close to the hotel (Board at Abbey Street, depart at Kilemore stop – 5 minute walk to hotel).

For Aircoach services, visit <http://www.aircoach.ie/>

For Luas, visit <http://www.luas.ie/>. Search for the **Red Line** in the 'Routes and Times' link.

Visit [www.dublinairport.ie](http://www.dublinairport.ie) for further details of flights to and from Dublin airport.

## Conference arrangements

Participants are expected to arrive by lunchtime on Wednesday 10th and leave on the morning of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please check in at the reception desk at the Sheldon Park Hotel on arrival.

**NB.** The conference fee covers full board and lodging from Wednesday afternoon until Sunday after breakfast. If you plan to arrive sooner than that or leave later, you will need to make your own arrangements with the hotel.

A buffet lunch has been organised at the hotel at 12:30 pm on Wednesday.

The conference itself will begin at 2pm. There will be two conference venues. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> the conference will be held in the Sheldon Park Hotel. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> the conference will be held in the Dublin West Education Centre.

## Accommodation

You will be staying at the Sheldon Park Hotel for the duration of the seminar

The Best Western Sheldon Park Hotel is ideally located on the Naas Road. Closely situated from the Luas Line and from the M50, the Hotel is 15 minutes away from Dublin Centre and offers the advantage of a city centre hotel without the inconvenience of the noise. The hotel is equipped with a Leisure and Fitness Centre with an indoor swimming pool and Beauty Salon.

Please visit the hotel website for more information:

[www.sheldonpark.ie](http://www.sheldonpark.ie)

## School Visits

Education has always been highly valued in Ireland. On Friday, you will have the opportunity to visit one of a variety of our local schools and see the Irish Education system at work.

## Culture

We feel it is important that, as well as participating in activities at the conference centres, you must also get a taste of the cultural heritage of Ireland, and of the other countries represented.

As stated earlier, we ask all participants to bring with them small samples of food and/or drink, and promotional material representative of your country. Our International Marketplace is a very important and popular activity. Each country will set up a 'stand' to showcase the delights of their country, laid out with flags, maps, photos, maybe even PowerPoints, music and song, samples of foods and drinks – anything that you can think of to present your country in its best light. Frequently, following the International Marketplace, there are impromptu folk dance lessons at which we hope everyone will participate, song singing from the various countries – what we in Ireland call 'great craic!'.



## Excursions – The Viking Splash

So that you can get your bearings, the first day of the conference will end with a tour of the main sights of Dublin. The city is one of Europe's oldest capitals and has recently celebrated its millennium. The tour will be with the Viking Splash tour group, a land and water tour.

Sights along the way include our two famous City Cathedrals Saint Patrick's and Christchurch, Viking Dublin, Trinity College, our government buildings (Leinster house), Georgian Dublin and the highlight of the tour "Splashdown" into the water with a fantastic trip around the newly developed Grand Canal Docklands.

During the trip on the water you will see the recording studios of famous Dublin rock band U2. The guides will also tell you the history of the vehicles and how they were used on the D-Day landings in Normandy. Visit [www.vikingsplash.ie/](http://www.vikingsplash.ie/) for more information!



On the afternoon of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, another 'cultural' excursion will be organised – details to be confirmed.

For more information on the attractions of Dublin, please visit:

[www.dublinfo.com/](http://www.dublinfo.com/)

### Contact details of conference organisers

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| Christine Henshaw,<br>The Professional Education Centre,<br>Felinfach,<br>Lampeter,<br>SA48 8AF,<br>Ceredigion | Email: <a href="mailto:christineh@ceredigion.gov.uk">christineh@ceredigion.gov.uk</a><br>Tel: 00 44 1545 572700<br>Fax: 00 44 1545 572709 |
| Polly Seton,<br>The Professional Education Centre,<br>Felinfach,<br>Lampeter,<br>SA48 8AF,<br>Ceredigion       | Email: <a href="mailto:pollys@ceredigion.gov.uk">pollys@ceredigion.gov.uk</a><br>Tel: 00 44 1545 572700<br>Fax: 00 44 1545 572709         |
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| Siobhan Kerr,<br>Dublin West Education Centre,<br>Old Blessington Road,<br>Tallaght,<br>Dublin 24              | Email: <a href="mailto:skerr@dwec.ie">skerr@dwec.ie</a><br>Tel: 00 353 14528004<br>Fax: 00 353 14528010                                   |

**“Sharing Similarities – Respecting Differences”  
Celebrating the Roots and Wings Journey  
Conference  
Dublin - Ireland  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Venue for Conference Work – Sheldon Park Hotel**

- Morning: Arrival at Sheldon Park Hotel  
12.30: Registration and Lunch  
13:45 **Welcome & Official opening of the conference:**  
Mr Gerard Mc Hugh, Director DWEC  
Guest Speaker  
14.30: **Aims and objectives of the conference** by Ms Christine Henshaw, Project Coordinator, Professional Education Centre, Felinfach, Lampeter, Ceredigion, Wales.  
14:45 **Roots and Wings – the story so far** – Polly Seton, Ceredigion County Council, Dept. Of Education & Community Service  
15.10: *Short break*  
15: 30 **“Getting to know you” – ice breaker activity**  
16.30: Bus to Dublin City Centre. Activity – Viking Splash Tour  
20.00: *Dinner*

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Venue for Conference Work – Sheldon Park Hotel**

- 07.30: *Breakfast*  
09.00: **“The European Dimension in Teaching”** by Gerard Mc Hugh, Director Dublin West Education Centre  
10.00: *Coffee*  
10.30: **Our European Journey- Sharing Similarities, Respecting Differences**  
Presentations by teachers involved in Roots and Wings  
12.00: *Lunch*  
13.00: **The Life-long Learning Programme- opportunities for all** – Paul Burrows, British Council  
14.00: *Short break*  
14.30: **Workshops** led by Ms. Polly Seton, Project Coordinator, Ceredigion CC, Dept. Of Education & Community Service  
17.00: *Light meal/buffet*  
18.30: Preparation of International Market Place at Sheldon Park Hotel  
19.30: **International Market Place** at Hotel

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Venue for Conference Work – Dublin West Education Centre**

- 07.30: *Breakfast*  
08.30: Departure from Hotel  
09.00: **Educational visits** to schools in the Dublin area.  
12.30: Bus to DWEC

- 13.00: *Lunch*  
 14.00: **The ICT Toolbox and Platform** – an offer you cannot refuse!  
 Mr. Staffan Hessel, ICT Manager, IT-Support Fosie, Malmo, Sweden  
 14.45: *Break*  
 15.00: **ICT Training** (3 groups)  
 16.30: opportunities to form partnership groups and plan new projects  
 17.30: Bus to Hotel  
 20.00: *Farewell dinner*

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### Venue for Conference Work – Dublin West Education Centre

- 07.30: *Breakfast*  
 08.30: Bus from Hotel  
 09.00: **Looking to the future** Ms Christine Henshaw, Project Coordinator,  
 Professional Education Centre, Felinfach, Lampeter, Ceredigion, Wales.  
 10.30: *Coffee break*  
 11.00: Plenary.  
 12.00: **Evaluation of the conference** and certificates of attendance  
 12.30: *Lunch*  
 13.30: **Excursion** in Dublin area  
 19.00: *Dinner*

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October

- 08.00: *Breakfast - Departure*

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### The Roots and Wings Crew:

- Ms. Christine Henshaw, Advisory Teacher, Dept. of Education & Community Services, Wales  
 Ms. Polly Seton, Ceredigion County Council, Dept. Of Education & Community Service, Wales  
 Mr. Staffan Hessel, ICT Manager, IT-Support Fosie Barn och Ungdom, Malmo, Sweden  
 Mr. Johan Revemark, Headmaster, Linnéskolan, SDF, Limhamn-Bunkeflo, Sweden  
 Mr. Dieter Langgner, Pedagogical Institut, Graz, Austria  
 Ms. Daniela Trambusti, Liaison Officer, Regione Toscana, Firenze, Italy.  
 Mr. Massimo Panzani, Liaison Officer, Regione Toscana, Firenze, Italy.  
 Ms. Zuzana Bartsch Vesela, Pedagogical Faculty, Olomouc, Czech Republic  
 Mr. Abdou Oudjedi, IUFM du Limousin, 209 Bol de Vanteaux 87000 Limoges, France  
 Ms Rebecca Dahm, IUFM du Limousin, 209 Bol de Vanteaux 87000 Limoges, France  
 Ms Monica Grimaldi - Constantinou, The Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, Latsia – Nicosia, Cyprus  
 Mr. John Kraaer, Amtscetret for Undervisning, Oerbaekvej 91, Dk - 5220 Odense, SOE, Denmark  
 Mr Marek Murdzia, Starostwo Powiatowe w Elblagu, Elblag, Poland  
 Mr Ahmet Gunahdin, Provincial Directorate of National Education, Adiyaman, Turkey  
 Mr Ismael Dolas, Provincial Directorate of National Education, Adiyaman, Turkey  
 Mr. Gerard Mc Hugh, Director, Dublin West Education Centre, Ireland  
 Mr. Fintan Keating, ICT Advisor, Dublin West Education Centre, Ireland

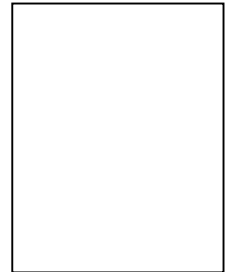




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**This form must be returned to Dublin West Education Centre**

([skerr@dwec.ie](mailto:skerr@dwec.ie) or [dkilbride@dwec.ie](mailto:dkilbride@dwec.ie))

- Deadline for registration by e-mail or fax - Thursday May 31st 2007.
- Deadline for this original form, signed and with non returnable €100 booking deposit - Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- Payment in full by Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Please note that this form should be word-processed or hand-written in block capitals (in BLACK INK) as it will be presented in a booklet for use by all seminar participants.

This form must be signed by the head of your institution or cannot be accepted!

| Participant:        |  | School:             |                    |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| Name:               |  | Name of the school: |                    |
| Position in School: |  | Head teacher:       |                    |
| Home address:       |  | School address:     |                    |
| Home telephone:     |  | School telephone:   |                    |
| Fax:                |  | Fax:                |                    |
| E-mail-address:     |  | E-mail:             |                    |
| Foreign Languages:  |  | Website:            |                    |
| Active:             |  | Number of teachers: | Male:      Female: |
| Passive:            |  | Number of pupils:   | Male:      Female: |
|                     |  | Age Range:          |                    |

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## Characteristics of the school:

Region:

rural

suburban

urban

3 most specific characteristics of the school:

1.

2.

3.

## Other information:

Experience with school links and/or exchanges:

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details

Outline of themes/activities you might like to develop in an international project:



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## Conference Cost

Payment of the balance of the Conference Fee (€500) must be made in full by Wednesday 12th September 2007

## Declaration - must be signed by the legal head of the institution:

*I authorise the above named person to attend the Conference in Dublin, Ireland between 10th and 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 on behalf of .....(name of your institution).*

*As the legal head of the institution, I agree that the institution will be liable for the conference fee of €600 per person, if the contractual obligations are not met and/or in the case of non-attendance at the conference by the above named person. This would also apply to any cancellation charges payable. In the event that the institution is liable for the conference fee as aforementioned, I agree to provide all necessary information to the organiser in order that an invoice can be raised.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION

1. Please return this form (3 pages) by e-mail to: [skerr@dwec.ie](mailto:skerr@dwec.ie) or [dkilbride@dwec.ie](mailto:dkilbride@dwec.ie)  
Or by fax to 0035314528010 by May 31st, 2007  
NB. The size of rooms at the hotel varies somewhat so accommodation will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
2. The original, signed form, with payment of non returnable booking deposit of €100, must be sent to:  
  
**Siobhan Kerr**  
**Dublin West Education Centre,**  
**Old Blessington Road,**  
**Tallaght,**  
**Dublin 24,**  
**Ireland**  
to arrive by July 14th 2007.
3. Payment of outstanding balance of €500 must be made by September 12<sup>th</sup> 2007