

What is eTwinning?

eTwinning is a free online platform linking a community of more than 470,000 teachers across Europe. It supports primary and post primary schools to find partners and work on joint projects in any curricular area, using Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

On the dedicated website www.etwinning.net you can create a profile, search for partners, browse ongoing and completed projects, and develop your own project ideas. Once you have found a partner and agreed a project plan, you can register your project and access a specially created 'Twinspace'. This is a private and secure online workspace that you and your partner(s) administer; students can be invited to participate as members.

eTwinning is funded by the European Union and administered in participating countries by a National Support Service (NSS). Léargas is the National Support Service for eTwinning in Ireland.

eTwinning has been specifically named in the Digital Strategy for Schools Action Plan 2017.

You can subscribe to the Léargas eTwinning newsletter [here](#).

Upcoming eTwinning Professional Development Workshops

Digital citizenship for the future classroom: Developing an eSafe Classroom | 9-10 November 2017 | Apply by 30 September

What is it about? The course will also focus on what the increased use of ICT means for eSafety in the classroom. The participants will explore answers to this question and will learn how to manage issues such as copyright, privacy, personal safety and verification of sites, and how to get students to engage with these issues and their own personal safety proactively.

Where will it take place? Brussels, Belgium

For more information, click [here](#).

Building 21st Century Skills through Active Learning | 2-3 December 2017 | Apply by 22 September

What is it about? The course is aimed at teachers who want to adapt the principles of active learning into their teaching practice, and teachers and coordinators who consider designing or adapting learning spaces at school.

Where will it take place? Brussels, Belgium

For more information, click [here](#).

French-Irish Connection (eTwinning Group)

eTwinning group created by Léargas to put in contact a group of teachers from France with teachers from Ireland who are interested in doing eTwinning projects in the new school year.



The teachers who join this group will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and find a partner school from France to work on eTwinning projects from 1 day to 1 school year.

Interested teachers should register on www.etwinning.net and contact Liliana O'Reilly (loreilly@leargas.ie) to ask to be added to **the French-Irish Connection** Group.