

Empower

parents to give their child the best start in education



ELI

The Early Learning Initiative of the National College of Ireland delivers the ParentChild+ Programme in Dublin, Limerick and Galway. ParentChild+ is a proven, innovative, home based literacy programme for pre-school children (18 months - 3 years) that strengthens families and prepares children to succeed academically. It significantly increases the educational capital and life chances for young people from areas of historical disadvantage. Over a two year period, Home Visitors model oral language, reading and play in their twice weekly visits. The families then continue the activities in their own time, enabling the child and his/her siblings to develop their language, literacy and numeracy skills. The programme has also been modified to accommodate the particular needs of families living in temporary accommodation.



Enable

children to engage meaningfully in education



SUAS

Working in association with Suas, the basis.point Numeracy Programme is delivered to children aged between 8-14 in disadvantaged schools and communities throughout Ireland. Children from these schools are most at risk of falling behind their peers and struggling within the Irish education system. Mentors work one-to-one with these children to help improve their numeracy skills. The interventions used have been proven to improve student performance and reduce drop-out rates. The changes in numeracy skills, confidence and self-esteem are fully analysed and measured. The long-term aim for the Numeracy Programme is to generate sufficient, robust data about the changes achieved, and as a result offer the Numeracy Programme as an evidence-based intervention to all DEIS schools.



Enhance

the chances of success for young adults



TU DUBLIN

The Junior Cycle Workshop Programme run in association with TUDublin, aims to demystify Higher Education by giving Junior Cycle students from 14 disadvantaged (DEIS) schools in inner-city Dublin the opportunity to experience college through hands-on workshops and age appropriate activities on campus. The Junior Cycle Workshop Programme will engage with 750 schoolchildren from 1st to 3rd year of secondary education (typically ages 12- 15) over the next three years and promotes Third Level education as a realistic and achievable ambition for students from (DEIS) schools in inner city Dublin.



FORÓIGE

The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship Programme (NFTE), engages young people aged 12-18, in a transformative youth programme enabling them to develop the skills and attitudes necessary to work towards a better future for themselves and their families. It is a cutting edge, world recognised, youth entrepreneurship education and development programme. Young people are enabled to reach their full potential, build self-confidence and interpersonal skills and increase school completion, college attendance and career aspirations. Initially focusing on a disadvantaged area of Cork, our involvement is enabling the NFTE programme to be rolled out nationwide with a particular emphasis on Deis schools.



BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY

This initiative provides students with a mentor from the world of work through the final two years of secondary school and a mentoring alumni association to provide support after they have left school. The programme encourages the student to stay in school, promotes their self-esteem, develops their awareness of the workplace, helps them to continue their studies, complete school and consider the many career options open to them.

