

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed.

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Type of organisation:

SME School University Public Authority
 Training No Profit NGO

Fields of action:

SMEs Youth Universities Public Authorities
 Equal opportunities Schools Unemployed

Description of the organisation

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed is a secondary school providing a co-educational environment in the Thurles region of Co. Tipperary in Ireland. We have been serving the community since 1928.

We believe that our school offers a distinctive and innovative approach to each and every student's education. We provide a forward thinking programme of study. We are one of the first schools in Ireland to offer the Junior Cert Student Awards Short Course in programming and coding. This reflects our expertise and facilities in this regard. We provide excellent support for students in English, Irish and Maths. As a school that is involved in the Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools programme we provide excellent opportunities for students in terms of their achievement in literacy and numeracy. Our transition programme from primary to secondary school has proven to be very beneficial. As many of our students come from small country schools we invest heavily in this programme to ensure that all our incoming first years feel happy and safe at school. We have a firm but fair approach to discipline. We applaud and reward success and encourage our students to achieve their potential in every area. This is reflected in a rich and diverse reporting of Other Areas of Learning, in line with the new Junior Cycle.

We strive to provide our students with the best possible start to life and to instil in them the values that our school motto promotes; 'Rath as Saothar – Success through Effort.' A value we believe prepares all our graduates with a maxim that will lead them to achievement.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

Involved in ATS2020 – an Erasmus project led by the Junior Cycle for Teachers
Involved in SELFIE – an Erasmus project led by the PDST-Technology

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

The school has had a voluntary student i-pad scheme for 5 years. All staff have ipads. We are a G-suite school. There are apple TVs in the Science labs. Teachers are encouraged and endeavour to use appropriate technology to enhance student learning.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

- Trial apps with students
- Survey staff and students on their suitability and their ability to improve learning

Reasons of involvement in the project

- Each subject department in our school must take one digital area per year and work on that to enhance student learning.
- This project will provide both resources and methodologies that will help the science department to meet the schools overall digital strategy.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

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