



Migrant Teacher Project School Network to be launched in May

Migrant teachers present a variety of excellent opportunities for schools and students in Ireland. As well as their considerable qualifications, they bring a new dimension to classrooms with a diversity of perspectives and expertise that will benefit our children and our education system for many years to come. Research shows that there are huge benefits to having a diverse teaching population – not just to children from minority backgrounds, but for all children, and for all schools.

Through its Bridging Programme and other activities, the Migrant Teacher Project has worked with hundreds of migrant teachers and schools to assist those teachers to continue their teaching journey in Ireland. In further developing this work, the Project will now launch a formal School Network. This network will offer support to Migrant Teachers, as they seek school experience and employment, and to schools, as they both support the Migrant Teachers and challenge the prevailing cultural barriers experienced by these teachers. Support and training will be offered to these schools as they become key advocates within the system, promoting the benefits of the integration and inclusion of Migrant Teachers in the Irish teaching workforce.

The official launch of the School Network will take place **online** on Tuesday 4 May at 5.00pm. Minister Roderic O’Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, will launch School Network.

To attend this launch and to join the conversation please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/migrant-teacher-project-school-network-launch-tickets-151951078767>

Note: The Migrant Teacher Project at Marino Institute of Education aims to increase the participation of Immigrant Internationally Educated Teachers in Irish primary and post-primary schools. Established by Marino Institute of Education, this project is co-financed by the European Commission under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2014-2020 and is supported by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, and the Department of Education. The project provides information, advice and support through a variety of Bridging Programmes, seminars and workshops.