



Information Session

Peace



Northern Ireland - Ireland

European Regional Development Fund



Sharing from the Start

- 4 Year project (2017 to 2021)
- 3 Partners
 - Early Years – the organisation for young children (Lead Partner)
 - Fermanagh Trust
 - National Childhood Network
- Covers NI and 6 Southern Border Counties (SBCs)





Structure of the Session

1. Aims of the Project and targets
2. Who can participate in the Project
3. Information about *Sharing from the Start (SfS)* Project
4. Application Process
5. Questions & Answers

Project Aims



Funded by Peace IV: Objective 1: Shared Education
(€4.2m across 4 year period)

It Aims To:

1. Improve Educational Outcomes
2. Promote good relations

Shared Education is the provision of direct, sustained, curriculum based contact between pupils and teachers from all backgrounds through collaboration between schools from different sectors in order to promote good relations and enhance children's skills and attitudes to contribute to a cohesive society.

Project Targets



- 99 individual pre-school settings (64 in Year 1)
- 157 individual teachers / leaders trained to facilitate shared education
- 9,914 children (cumulative over the 4 years)



Eligible Pre-school Settings

- Statutory pre-school nurseries and nursery units in NI
- Voluntary and Private pre-school settings within PSEP in NI
- Community and Private pre-school settings funded through ECCE in SBCs

Which have:

- Little or No previous experience of Shared Education

What does *Sharing from the Start* involve?



- Applicants from NI are invited to form cross-community partnerships (partnering with a setting with children of a predominantly different religion).
- In the ROI, where this is not possible, applicants will be encouraged to partner with settings with children from a different ethnic or socio-economic backgrounds.
- Plan and deliver joint curricular sessions together – 30 hours per school year (e.g. 10 x 3 hour sessions).
- These sessions will proactively help settings achieve a number of the quality outcomes in both ETI / DES inspections in NI and ROI.

Benefits to be gained from the Project



- Training, mentoring support and professional development for staff
- Supporting the achievement of quality standards
- Support for inclusion, equality and diversity
- Additional curriculum resources and professional expertise
- Peer support
- Opportunities for learning, networking and sharing good practice
- Workshops for parents, management committee members / board of governors
- Opportunities for cross-border collaboration (where applicable)



Package of Supports

Indicative figures:

- **£80.50 / €95** per eligible child* who completes 30 hrs Shared Education in Year 1 (costs associated with shared sessions e.g. transport, specialist tutors)
- **£302 / €356** per setting for resources that support good relations, inclusion and diversity
- **3 days substitute cover**** for leaders / teachers to attend training;
- **1 day substitute cover**** per setting per annum for planning with partner/s

**Funded PSEP children in NI and funded ECCE children*

***Cap on sub-cover*



Timeline for Year 1 (2017/18)

- Closing date for applications (31st October 2017)
- 3 day training (TBC Jan – June 2018)
- Deliver first joint session with children (December 2017)
- Deliver remainder of shared education sessions (January – June 2018)
- Workshops for parents, management committee / board of governors TBC with each partnership (January – June 2018)
- Review Year 1 and Plan for Year 2 (April – June 2018)



How to apply

- Identify your nearest eligible partner
 - Complete and submit **ONE** application form per partnership
- CLOSING DATE: 5 pm Tuesday 31st October 2017**

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Assessment of Applications

Criteria:

1. Eligible settings
2. Little or No previous experience of Shared Education
3. **Cross-community partnerships** Applicants from NI are invited to form cross-community partnerships (partnering with a setting with children of a predominantly different religion).
 - Applicants from ROI/SBCs are encouraged to partner with settings with children from a different ethnic or socio-economic backgrounds



Ranking Criteria

- Social Disadvantage (NI)
- Newcomer children
- Partnering with nearest eligible setting
- Cross-border partnerships (i.e. involving partners from both NI and SBCs)

Application Form



Questions

