

## Country Specific Information

### Ireland



## LGBT

**BeLonG To** is the national organisation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) young people, aged between 14 and 23.

**The LGBT Helpline** provides access to a network of trained volunteers who provide a non-judgmental, confidential, listening support and information service for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people as well as their families and friends. Our website also provides a gateway to information and support options for LGBT people in Ireland. The Helpline staff also have useful information for people questioning if they might be lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

**GLEN** is a Policy- and Strategy-focused NGO, which aims to deliver ambitious and positive change for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people in Ireland, ensuring full equality, inclusion and protection from all forms of discrimination

### **‘BEING LGBT IN SCHOOL’**

A Resource for Post-Primary Schools to Prevent Homophobic and Transphobic Bullying and Support LGBT Pupils

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#### Links

<http://www.belongto.org/>

<http://www.lgbt.ie/http://www.lgbt.ie/>

<http://www.glen.ie/http://www.glen.ie/>

<http://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Education-Reports/Being-LGBT-in-School.pdf>

[www.sphe.ie](http://www.sphe.ie)

[www.pdst.ie](http://www.pdst.ie)

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#### Useful Links Provided by the Department of Education and Skills

[Being LGBT in School](#)

[Including Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students in School Policies - Guidelines for Principals](#)

### Migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers pupils

**The Irish Refugee Council** works to promote best practices for the protection of the rights of children and young people, including separated children, at a national level through awareness raising, policy development, networking and advocacy.

**The Children's Rights Alliance** unites over 100 members working together to change the lives of all children in Ireland by making sure that their rights are respected and protected in our laws, policies and services.

**Citizens Information** provides information on public services and entitlements in Ireland

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<http://www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/>

<http://www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/>

<http://www.childrensrights.ie/>

<http://www.childrensrights.ie/>

[http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving\\_country/asylum\\_seekers\\_and\\_refugees/refugee\\_status\\_and\\_leave\\_to\\_remain/education\\_for\\_refugees.html](http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving_country/asylum_seekers_and_refugees/refugee_status_and_leave_to_remain/education_for_refugees.html)

[http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving\\_country/asylum\\_seekers\\_and\\_refugees/refugee\\_status\\_and\\_leave\\_to\\_remain/education\\_for\\_refugees.html](http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving_country/asylum_seekers_and_refugees/refugee_status_and_leave_to_remain/education_for_refugees.html)

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[Intercultural Education Strategy](#)

Queries regarding Department's migrant policy can be referred to Social Inclusion Unit at [social\\_inclusion@education.gov.ie](mailto:social_inclusion@education.gov.ie)

Queries regarding allocation of English as an Additional Language (EAL) posts can be referred to either Department's Post Primary Allocations ([Allocations@education.gov.ie](mailto:Allocations@education.gov.ie)) or Primary Allocations ([Primaryallocations@education.gov.ie](mailto:Primaryallocations@education.gov.ie)) divisions. See [Circular](#)

**0007\_2016: Appendix D (Form GAM/EAL Cluster 2016 - Notification of newly clustered GAM/EAL posts for the 2016/17 school year)** in relation to primary schools.

Press Release 10-06-2016 (Supporting Multilingual Classrooms)

Development of a National English Language Policy and Framework for Legally Resident Adult Immigrants - Horwath Report

**External links:**

[Up and Away: A resource book for English language support in primary schools \(2006\)](#)  
[Citizens Information website - resources for non-English speaking pupils](#)

### Roma Pupils, Travelling community

**Pavee Point** is a Dublin-based, national, non-governmental organisation established in 1985 and committed to the realisation of human rights for Irish Travellers and Roma living in Ireland. The organisation is a partnership of Travellers, Roma and members of the majority population working together to address the needs of Travellers and Roma as minority ethnic groups who experience exclusion, marginalisation and discrimination.

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[Co-ordination of Traveller Education](#)

[Traveller Pre-Schools](#)

**Pupils belonging to religious minorities**

**EQUATE** is a children and family rights organisation which works for greater equality in primary and secondary school education in Ireland.

**The Department of Education and Skills** is a department of the Irish state with responsibility for education and training. The mission of the Department is to facilitate individuals through learning, to achieve their full potential and contribute to Ireland's social, cultural and economic development.

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<https://www.equateireland.ie/>  
<https://www.education.ie/>  
<https://www.education.ie/en/Press-Events/Press-Releases/2017-Press-Releases/PR17-16-01.html>  
[www.sphe.ie](http://www.sphe.ie/)  
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### Useful Links Provided by the Department of Education and Skills

[Role of Religion in School Admissions - Consultation Process](#)  
[Press Release 16-01-2017 \(Plans to reform school admission system\)](#)  
[Press Release 30-01-2017 \(Plans to accelerate provision of multi- and non-denominational schools\)](#)  
[Circular 0009\\_2016 \(Rescinding of Rule 68 of the Rules for National Schools\)](#)

## Pupils from deprived backgrounds

**Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS)** is The Department of Education and Skills Ireland's policy instrument to address educational disadvantage. The action plan focuses on addressing and prioritising the educational needs of children and young people from disadvantaged communities, from pre-school through second-level education.

**Social Justice Ireland** is an independent think tank and justice advocacy organisation that advances the lives of people and communities through providing independent social analysis and effective policy development to create a sustainable future for every member

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<http://www.education.ie/>

<http://www.socialjustice.ie/content/publications/socio-economic-review-2016-education>

<http://www.socialjustice.ie/content/publications/socio-economic-review-2016-education>

[www.sphe.ie](http://www.sphe.ie)

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### Pupils with SEN/Disability

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[Circular 0046 2016](#) **(Home Tuition Grant Scheme 2016/2017 - Special Education Component )**

[Circular 0050 2016](#) **(Home Tuition Grant Schemes - for children without a school place other than children with Special Education needs)**

[Home-Tuition Application Form: Pupils with a Significant Medical Condition July Provision](#)

[Employing Special Needs Assistants \(SNAs\)](#)

[Circular 0070 2014](#) **(Guidance for post-primary schools on the provision of resource teaching and learning support)**

[Circular 0030 2014](#) **(The Special Needs Assistant (SNA) scheme to support teachers in meeting the care needs of some children with special educational needs, arising from a disability)**

[Circular 0010 2013](#) **(Scheme of grants towards the purchase of essential assistive technology equipment for pupils with physical or communicative disabilities)**

**The National Council for Special Education (NCSE)** was set up to improve the delivery of education services to persons with special educational needs arising from disabilities with particular emphasis on children. The NCSE has published Guidelines for Setting up and Organising Special Classes. The guidelines set out clearly how schools can set up and organise special classes, as part of a continuum of educational provision, for pupils with special educational needs.

**The National Educational Psychological Service** work with both primary and post-primary schools and are concerned with learning, behaviour, social and emotional development. NEPS psychologists specialise in working with the school community. They work in partnership with teachers, parents and children in identifying educational needs.

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<http://ncse.ie/>  
<http://ncse.ie/guidelines-for-schools>  
<http://ncse.ie/guidelines-for-schools>  
[www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/NEPS-Home-Page.html](http://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/NEPS-Home-Page.html)  
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[www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/Student-Support-Teams-in-Post-Primary-Schools.pdf](http://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/Student-Support-Teams-in-Post-Primary-Schools.pdf)  
<http://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/Student-Support-Teams-in-Post-Primary-Schools.pdf>  
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## **Pupils with mental health difficulties**

**YourMentalHealth.ie** in association with HSE, the National Office for Suicide Prevention and partner organisations across the country.

**Aware** provides interactive talks and workshops in schools (for pupils aged 15-18) as well as education and training programmes for the workplace are delivered nationwide.

**Jigsaw** is the National Centre for Youth Mental Health and provides vital supports to young people with their mental health by working closely with communities across Ireland.

**The Department of Education and Skills** has issued guidelines for post-primary school on promoting well-being, mental health and suicide prevention.

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Press-Release 13-01-2017 (Regional Forum on Wellbeing in Education)  
 National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) (link also provided under **Special Needs**)  
 Student Support Teams in Post Primary Schools  
 Well-Being in Post-Primary Schools  
 Well-Being in Primary Schools  
 Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) (also see <http://www.sphe.ie/>)  
 Child Protection  
 Bullying Information for Parents and Students  
 Anti-Bullying Procedures in Schools  
 Post Primary School Policies  
 National Centre for Guidance in Education (NCGE)

## Pupils with health issues

### **Managing Chronic Health Conditions at School – Guide for Parents and Teachers**

The Asthma Society of Ireland, Diabetes Federation of Ireland, Brainwave the Irish Epilepsy Association and Anaphylaxis Ireland came together to produce a resource pack with the INTO to support parent and teachers of pupils with chronic health conditions.

#### **Asthma Society of Ireland**

The Asthma Society of Ireland's mission is to save lives and improve the lives of people with asthma.

#### **The Irish Cancer Society**

The Irish Cancer Society is the national cancer charity in Ireland with the mission to improve the lives of those affected by cancer.

#### **Diabetes Ireland**

Diabetes Ireland is the only national charity in Ireland dedicated to helping people with diabetes. The organisation provides support, education and motivation to everyone affected by diabetes.

#### **Epilepsy Ireland**

Epilepsy Ireland is committed to working for, and to meeting the needs of everyone with epilepsy in Ireland and their families and carers.

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<http://www.into.ie/ROI/ManagingChronicHealthConditionsatSchool/>  
[www.asthma.ie](http://www.asthma.ie)

[www.cancer.ie](http://www.cancer.ie/)<http://www.cancer.ie/>  
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[www.diabetes.ie](http://www.diabetes.ie/)<http://www.diabetes.ie/>  
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