

Country Specific Information for Ireland

Pupils from deprived backgrounds



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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 of society and for societies as a whole. They give special priority to national and international issues related to poverty, inequality, social exclusion, sustainability and the environment.

Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE)

The SPHE programme reflects the unique ethos of each school. The attitudes, skills and values fostered in the SPHE classroom can only truly flourish in a school where all members of the school community are treated with respect and dignity.

Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST)

The PDST is Ireland's largest single support service offering professional learning opportunities to teachers and school leaders in a range of pedagogical, curricular and educational areas.

TUSLA

The Child and Family Agency is the dedicated State agency responsible for improving wellbeing and outcomes for children. It represents the most comprehensive reform of child protection, early intervention and family support services ever undertaken in Ireland. The Agency operates under the Child and Family Agency Act 2013.

Children First

Provides the national guidance for the protection and welfare of children in Ireland. The guidance is the roadmap to help parents, professionals, organisations and the general public to identify and report child abuse and welfare concerns.

Links

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

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

www.sphe.ie

www.pdst.ie

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

Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children [2011]

Child and Family Agency Act 2013

Useful Links Provided by the Department of Education and Skills

[DEIS: Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools](#)