



Implementing an Effective and Comprehensive Digital Strategy in your School

Course Background

The Digital Schools of Europe (DSoE) programme is based on the successful Digital Schools of Distinction (DSoD) programme which has been in operation in Ireland since 2013. In a period of three years, more than half the primary schools in the Republic of Ireland have engaged with DSoD. A version of DSoD is now being implemented in some other European countries under the auspices of the DSoE programme.

The course utilises the lessons learned from the DSoD and the DSoE programmes. It aims to help schools in the effective integration of technology in teaching and learning and will assist them as they aspire to become a DSoE.

Course Participants and Venue

The course is designed to provide opportunities for **teachers, head teachers and ICT coordinators/personnel** from schools around Europe to attend a training course in Ireland. The venue for the course will be **Dublin West Education Centre** in the Republic of Ireland.

Course Aims

The participants in the course will be teachers and head teachers who wish to look at processes and practices that assist their schools as they prepare to become a DSoE. During the course, participants will work in groups and will use Design Thinking, Practical Workshops and Peer to Peer activities and discussions and will develop a plan for implementing a DSoD programme in their own schools.

How to apply for funding to attend the Course

Teachers and head teachers who wish to apply can do so via the Erasmus+ KA1 grants system.

The course fee for Erasmus+ applicants is €70/day. The spring school fee covers:

- All materials needed for the course
- Tuition fee for lectures, seminars and workshops

Course Content and Activities

This training event will last 6 days from February 11th to February 16th 2018. It will consist of instructor led sessions, workshops and visits to schools who have achieved the Digital Schools of Distinction Award.



The participants will work under the headings that guide the DSoD programme; Leadership and Planning, the Curriculum, School Culture, Continuing Professional Development and Resources and Infrastructure.

The course outline is as follows:

Sunday 11 th February	Monday 12 th February	Tuesday 13 th February
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • The Digital Schools of Europe concept and process • The five criteria areas • Workshop preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material gathering for workshop activity • eTwinning as a resource • Cultural visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to a Digital School of Distinction • Review of activities • Sharing of findings • Review of implementation strategies
Wednesday 14 th February	Thursday 15 th February	Friday 16 th February
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines on workshop activity • Design thinking • Implementation of DSoE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and drafting of plan • Review of plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of plan to group • Peer review and discussion • Creating a sustainable support group • Close of course