



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Collaboration and Sharing in Education project (CASE)

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Shared Education

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€28,890,790.79

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LEAD PARTNER:

Education Authority (EA)

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Léargas

Start Date: 01/10/2016

End Date: 30/06/2023



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The CASE project aims to build a culture of good relations amongst children and young people in a school based setting. Delivery is through the provision of direct, sustained, curricular-based contact between children and teachers from all backgrounds.

Through working in partnership, the participating schools will promote community cohesion, enhance educational opportunities for all pupils and provide shared professional development. CASE is open to all schools in the six Border Counties of Ireland and schools in Northern Ireland which are not currently involved in the DSC Signature Project for Shared Education.

Sara Long, Chief Executive of the Education Authority said: *“The Education Authority takes seriously its statutory responsibility to encourage, facilitate and promote Shared Education. Working in partnership with Léargas, EA is proud and delighted to have been entrusted with managing this very important project.*

“The reconciliation element in Shared Education is of vital importance to our society, but this CASE project is also designed to deliver positive educational outcomes. There is a strong focus on the sharing of professional expertise, making better use of limited resources and community engagement.”



Pupils from Ballydown Primary School (Banbridge) and St. Francis Primary School (Loughbrickland) at the launch of the CASE project.



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The project is working with Primary and Post Primary schools that have limited or no experience of shared education. Shared Education enables schools from different sectors to work in partnership to provide opportunities for pupils, staff and community to engage in collaborative and meaningful learning experiences.

"I enjoy making new friends and going to lessons in another school".
Quote from P2 Pupil.

"Shared Education has had a deep impact on our schools in North Belfast. It has strengthened our relationships, built a new community of friendships and created a mutual shared vision of mutual respect and collaboration. When we see our pupils arrange to meet socially outside the programme we know this impact has reach and power beyond our schools."

Shared quote from E. Loughran, Principal Mercy Primary School & L. Grimason, Principal Edenbrooke Primary School.



Project Key Outputs:

- 280 schools involved in shared education.
- 2,000 teachers trained with the capacity to facilitate shared education.
- 135,000 participants in shared education classrooms.