

The Teaching Council

Promoting a culture of shared learning in which research and leading practice is encouraged and applied within the classroom setting is an important objective for the Teaching Council. The CROÍ Research Series brings together a series of initiatives through which the Council aims to realise this goal. Through CROÍ, the Council is seeking to engage with all stakeholders to ensure that all the high quality research that teachers engage in has impact where it matters the most – the teaching and learning experiences of our children, young people and adult learners.

WEBINARS

In order to further develop the connection between research and practice, the Teaching Council hosts research webinars for teachers on topics relevant to the profession including, for example, professional learning, cross-curricular teaching, and transitions from primary to post-primary. Recordings of all previous webinars are available on the research pages of the Council's website, www.teachingcouncil.ie

EZINES

The Council issues research ezines to registered teachers and other stakeholders. Ezines are typically linked to the theme of an upcoming webinar. This gives webinar attendees an opportunity to read about the topic in advance. These ezines have proven to be very popular, with average open rates of 75%.

ONLINE LIBRARY

All registered teachers have free access to the Online Library, and a collection of eBooks. This is a great resource and practical support for all teachers seeking to engage with the latest thinking and evidence on a wide range of educational issues. This is in response to a call from teachers for easier access to, and opportunities for critical engagement with, research.

USING RESEARCH IN OUR SCHOOL

In order to support schools in engaging with research, we have grouped a range of CROÍ resources including ezines, webinars, eBooks & articles thematically. Schools may wish to choose a particular theme and explore the resources with colleagues as part of a staff meeting. Over time, we will expand this section of our website, so that it becomes a comprehensive and valuable resource to help teachers in using research in their classrooms.

RESEARCH PAGES ON TEACHING COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Council's website provides a wealth of information for teachers and educational researchers, including advice on sharing your research, access to a number of open source repositories and information on sources of research funding. See www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/research-croi/ for details.

RESEARCH ALIVE! COLLABORATION

The Research Alive! group collaborates to promote the use of research in educational practice and to promote greater sharing by teachers of their experiences of implementing research in their work. The Research Alive! group is a collaboration between the Teaching Council, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA), the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and the Centre for Effective Services (CES). The Research Alive! collaboration has funded the development of T-REX.ie. See below.

T-REX

T-REX.ie is an online platform for teachers and other educational researchers. It supports schools and Higher Education Institutions in accessing and sharing the latest insights from cutting-edge research at times and in places that suit them. T-REX supports conversations, collaborations and stronger connections between research, policy, practice and between schools and HEIs. Find out more about T-REX via www.t-rex.ie

RESEARCHMEET

FÉILTE, the Council's annual celebration of teaching, includes a Researchmeet which sees teachers make short presentations in a user-friendly and accessible format about research they are engaged in, or have undertaken. These presentations highlight the relevance and impact of the research for teachers, students and parents.

RESEARCH SUPPORT FRAMEWORK

The Council's Research Support Framework makes €100,000 available each year to support teachers' ongoing professional learning through their engagement in, and with, research. The Framework supports the sharing and application of existing research, as well as new collaborative and individual research.

COMMISSIONED RESEARCH

The Council commissions research to support policy development. This has included research on requirements for entry to initial teacher education and *Droichead*. A major piece of longitudinal research on the experience of newly qualified teachers is currently at initial planning stage. The Council's website provides a wealth of information for teachers and educational researchers, including advice on sharing your research, access to a number of open-source repositories and information on sources of research funding.

