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What is the National Quality Label?

The National Quality Label is a formal recognition granted to projects (and the school, teachers + pupils involved) in eTwinning whose work achieves a high standard of quality.

Criteria to be fulfilled:

- Collaboration should be real and meaningful
- Use of Digital tools
- Innovative teaching approaches
- Curricular integration
- Results documentation & dissemination

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Our eTwinning Projects

- 207 eTwinning projects in Ireland accredited 2025
- 14 teachers awarded NQL for 15 different projects 2025
- OFI of FET only Institute awarded NQL for two projects

Our Projects:

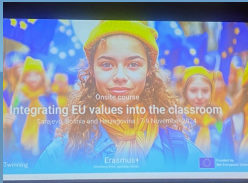
1. "Bridges to European Values"
2. "A Stroll Through our Legends"

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From Sarajevo to Dundalk

“Bridges to European Values”




- OFI Class 7ACC and 7PUA, Teacher: Jennifer Ray
- Collaboration with teachers from 7 other countries
- France, Turkey, Croatia, Romania, Portugal, Italy, Azerbaijan
- In Total: 13 teachers and 141 students





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“Bridge to European Values”

Aim of this project:

To increase student's awareness of the fundamental European values of:
Human Dignity, Freedom, Equality, Solidarity, Citizenship and Justice.








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“Bridges to European Values”

Curricular Integration & Multidisciplinary Approach:
OFI Students volunteered Across four QQI Courses

- Communications QQI Level 5 (7ACC)
- French QQI Level 5 (7PUA)
- Photography QQI Level 5 (7PHO)
- Media QQI Level 5 (7MRK)

Project activities were integrated into curricular assessments.





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“Bridges to European Values”

Student activities included:

- Sharing personal stories
- Student led Intercultural activities
- Group work through research based learning
- Active citizenship in the community
- Developing & celebrating languages
- Using multiple digital tools




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“Bridges to European Values”




PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- Student's awareness of EU values raised substantially
- Learnt importance & meaning of EU values across borders
- Recognised & celebrated commonalities as well as diversity
- Learnt to unite as Global, EU, and Irish citizens.
- Became active citizens in their college and local community
- Developed soft skills of empathy, team work and critical thinking, and self-efficacy




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“Bridges to European Values”



- This project actively involved other teachers and students, e.g photography students to capture activities, and teachers to support activities
- Project promoted & followed on OFI social media pages as well as community charity pages, and Louth CoCo.
- QQI Quality assurance recognized by EA on assessments
- Honoured to have this project promoted on the eTwinning Annual Event Webinar “The Gathering” – as an exemplary example. A screen recording of one to one interview with Léargas is available on Youtube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=namGKrIOAx8>




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*"A Stroll
Through our
Legends"*

Aim of this project:

To create an immersion in the ancient history of our territories, sharing common legends & myths, & strolling along ancient paths. Myths & Legends merged with the concept of sustainable tourism, how it can be culturally enriching as well as environmentally responsible.

Our Slogan: *"Being a tourist of our legendary past to inspire a sustainable future"*






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*"A Stroll
through our
Legends"*

- OFI Class 7HTC, Teachers: Catherine O'Connor & Jennifer Ray
- Collaboration with teachers from 3 other countries
- Austria, Italy & Spain
- In Total: 8 teachers and 54 students participated.








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“A Stroll through our Legends”

Curricular Integration with class 7HTC across

- QQI Level 5 Event Production
- QQI Level 5 Tourism Information & Administration
- QQI Level 5 Food Preparation

Project activities were integrated into curricular assessments.





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“A Stroll through our Legends”

Student activities included:

- Group work, research based learning
- Student led intercultural & sustainable collaborative activities including SDG 12 and SDG 15
- Organising & conducting a sustainable tour of local area
- Engaging with Tourism Office, Museum and Historian to learn & present local history and myths.
- Presentations & reflecting on activities through interviews
- Cross curricular integration
- Using multiple digital tools



































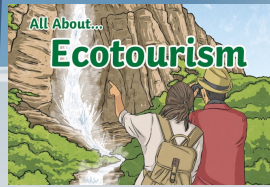
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“A Stroll Through our Legends”

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

- Student's awareness of other cultural traditions & legends
- Learnt importance of sustainable practices in Tourism
- Innovation & creativity skills through student led activities
- Developed ICT skills and communication skills
- Contribution to EU education goals of sustainability and global citizenship








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Presentation of Certificates

Award Ceremony in Carlow, presented by Léargas to Ó 'Faich











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Thank You

eTwinning National QUALITY LABEL

- OFI Management for facilitating time and budget! Padraig, John, Conor.
- Thanks to attendees
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- Most Importantly, many thanks to all the students involved, for their commitment, motivation, positivity, work ethic and active participation in both projects – Congratulations & Well done!

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