

# **CESI**

# **Computers in Education**

# **Society of Ireland**



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# Let me introduce you to CESI

- 1973 - Computers in Education Society of Ireland
- 'For anyone with an interest in the potential of technology to enhance the teaching and learning experience for all involved in education'. CESI website
- Basic premis – a space for peer to peer support and learning
- Volunteers across all levels of education
- Sometimes described as the 'CESI tribe'
- **Free to join**

# Communicating

Two mailing lists:

[Cesi-list@googlegroups.com](mailto:Cesi-list@googlegroups.com)  
>2,000

[Cesi-cs@googlegroups.com](mailto:Cesi-cs@googlegroups.com)  
>500



# Sample Posts

[CESI List] Chromecasting problem - Hi Andrew, I've come across this before... on b...	18 Oct
Re: {Possible Spam} [CESI List] Smart Board Support - Afternoon Fiona, with the la...	18 Oct
[CESI List] Halloween themed computational thinking tasks from Maynooth Univer...	18 Oct
[CESI List] Irish education podcast network ??? - Hi all Recently, I wrote a blog post...	18 Oct
Staffroom Updated - I've finished the interview/recording with Tom Lonergan for E...	17 Oct
New Digital Strategy for Schools - We are only as good as our supervisors! On Fri, ...	15 Oct
[CESI List] New Digital Strategy for Schools - On Monday, CESI will form part of a f...	15 Oct
[CESI List] EU Code Week - Hi all Now that CodeWeek has finally arrived I am shari...	15 Oct
Conference 2022 - Hi everyone Any developments... duties ... When is our next mee...	14 Oct
Re: Gambia School Build March 2022 - Hi Paddy, We have a list moderator that nee...	14 Oct

## Other Activities

- Annual Conference (next one March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022)
- Occasional Workshops and TeachMeets
- Communities of Practice - Meetings
- Department of Education/ICS/PDST/Third Level Computer Forum/

## CESI as TPN

- September 2018 LCCS (Leaving Cert Computer Science) introduced as a new subject with 40 schools initially and was externally examined in 2020 for the first time.
- TPN (Teachers Professional Network)
- CESI is the TPN for Computer Science



# Community of Practice Facilitator's Guide

## Community of Practice • Facilitator's guide

Grassroots professional learning for educators



2 year project led by  
Dr. Richard Millwood.

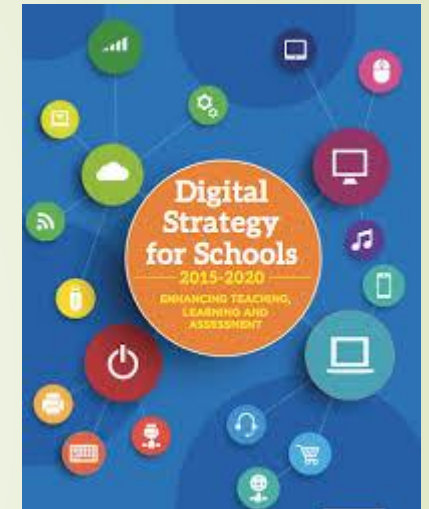
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# School Technology Reality Prior to Covid

- Digital Strategy for Schools 2015-2020  
(currently being reviewed)
- Schools free to decide their own model of ICT integration to teaching and learning
- All schools required to have a Digital Learning Plan
- Schools are using centralised systems for administration as DE requires information digitally inputted

# BUT

- Many never used any form of online teaching/learning let alone devise and lead on same





# Generalisations applicable to varying degrees across primary and second level

- Integration of technology – teacher enthusiast/early adaptor
- No provision, financial or otherwise, for technical support
- Ad hoc infrastructural development
- The kit being the driver of innovation and not pedagogy
- Snail pace

29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 first confirmed case of Covid-19  
in Ireland  
a student returning from a school trip to northern  
Italy

(the day of our conference!)

Schools close on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

# The World Changed!

## Get up to speed yesterday!!!

### Covid 19

Accelerated change in  
unimaginable ways – reactionary

**BUT**

Teaching and learning landscape  
is permanently changed for all

- Hardware/Software – MS Teams, Gsuite for Education, email, apps.....
- Zoom – what's that?
- Privacy – for both student and teacher
- And then how to teach remotely!

# Formal support



# CESI asked.....



**Q.** Where do teachers learn **informally** in a school day?

**A.** In the Staffroom, around the break/lunch table, over a cuppa.



# The idea....


- Gestating for some time
- A way to reach teachers using video and audio
- Ultimate goal real time chats with anyone joining in
- Recording to facilitate 24/7 access



In reality, small steps


# CESI Staffroom is born

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**Interview with Tom Lonergan for European Cyber Security Week**

Tom Lonergan is the National Coordinator for Technology integration for schools in




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The Full interview will be available on Wednesday 20th Oct.



**CESI Staffroom Special ON Cyber security**


In this weeks CESI Staffroom we got the opportunity to speak with Vince Scheivert, according



**April 2021 SET**


FULL CHAPTER LIST BELOW:

In this episode of the CESI



**Building Engagement in the Remote Blended/Socially Distanced Classroom**

Presented by: Siobhan O'Sullivan and Aidan Liston



**Collaborating as One Team - Patrick O'Callaghan**

The 21st Century Classroom: Learning without Limits.

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# And....how has it gone?

- To date there have been 20 episodes, starting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Each recorded
- Topics have included: One Note, MS Teams, editing pdfs, how to manage in the lockdown, GSuite
- Teachers from primary and second level chatting to one another
- Viewing numbers to date vary – building up a resource
- Using all avenues to promote

# Where to find it

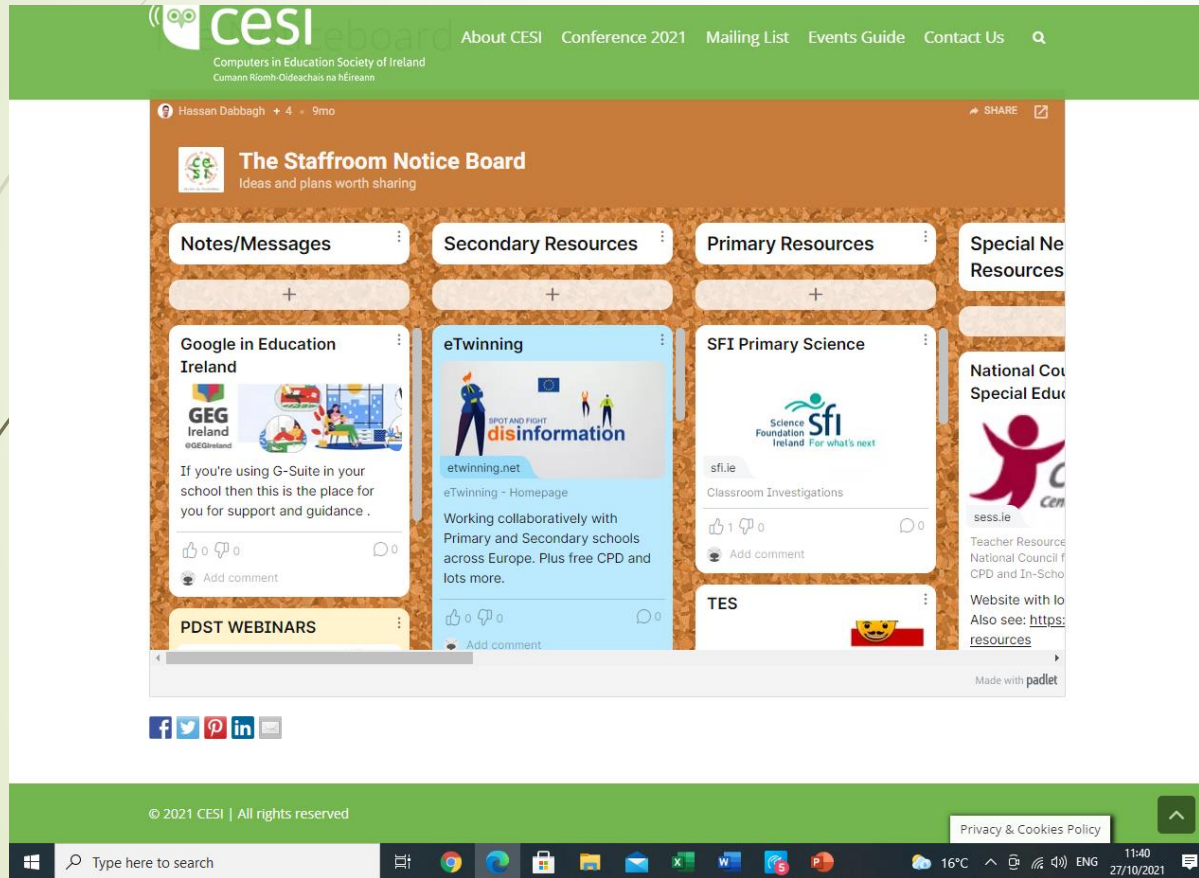


@cesitweets





# And once you have a staffroom.....



## STAFF ROOM NOTICE BOARD

Populated by a combination of input from each episode and from teachers sharing what works for them



# CESI.CS COP



- Taking the Community of Practice for CS online
- At the outset a topic chosen for people to share on
- Breakout rooms
- Discussions become resources
- Using the Education Centre network
- FREE and ALL WELCOME

# What now for the CESI Staffroom/webinar?

- Capturing more stories from the classroom
- Getting more teachers involved in the discussions
- Identifying the current issues
- Making sure teaching and learning is at the heart of each session



# Impact on CESI?

- Provided the confidence to run the 2021 conference as an online event
- Expands possibilities
- Removes geographical barriers

# Final Message

We are a friendly lot from all levels of education and beyond.

Conference 2022, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Reimagining:  
Learning After the Pandemic Experience

Keep an eye on the website for registration  
It's free!

[www.cesi.ie](http://www.cesi.ie)

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