

Junior Cycle for Teachers exists to **inspire, support and empower** teachers in the transformation of Junior Cycle education in Ireland.

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Spring Elective

During March, April and May, 11 face-to-face elective workshops took place in Applied Technology rooms across the country. The focus of this elective event was to explore how a relay circuit board could be used in conjunction with the sensor circuit board that teachers received during their core CPD 2022/2023.

We would like to thank all the Applied Technology teachers who attended the evening electives. In total, we met 103 teachers from across the country. We would also like to thank the host schools for making their workshops available.

For those who were unable to attend, the elective PowerPoint and learning log are available [here](#).



[Elective Resources](#)

... in the News!

Enable Ireland Apps Make Popular Gardens a More Inclusive Experience



The Enable Ireland National Assistive Technology Training Service has released three apps inspired by The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett and their vision for making Ireland a more inclusive place for everyone.

The Apps use immersive media to bring some of the peace, tranquillity and joy of a beautiful summer garden to everybody regardless of physical access or indeed weather conditions. They demonstrate the potential of technology to enable inclusion.

<https://www.enableireland.ie/resources/news/enable-ireland-apps-make-popular-gardens-more-inclusive-experience>

The article above could be used as a stimulus to explore how emerging technologies can be used to promote inclusion through accessibility.

Some possible Learning Outcomes that students can engage with using this resource include:

1.5 consider the end-user experience at each stage of the design process

3.6 consider user needs at all stages of design

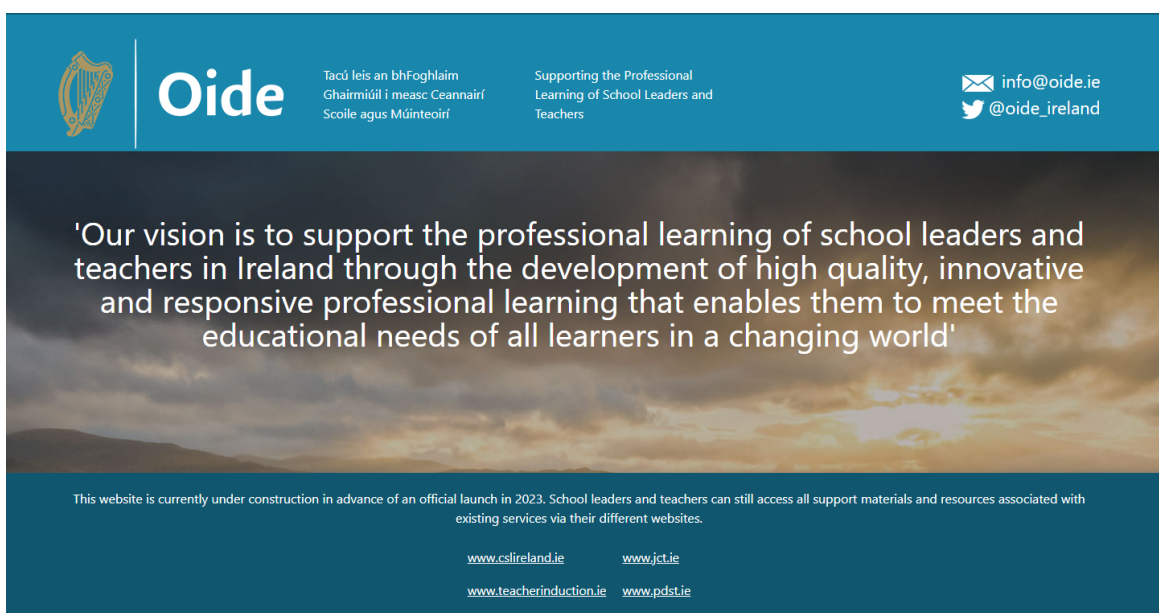



CPD 2022/2023

The JCT Applied Technology team would like to sincerely thank all our Associates, co-operating teachers, students, and school leaders who contributed to the design and delivery on our comprehensive programme of CPD support for teachers of Applied Technology during the 2022/2023 school year.

The input of practicing teachers is an integral part of our CPD design and delivery process and is one we as a team value greatly. We look forward to developing these relationships further as we move into 2023/2024.

Oide



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'Our vision is to support the professional learning of school leaders and teachers in Ireland through the development of high quality, innovative and responsive professional learning that enables them to meet the educational needs of all learners in a changing world'

This website is currently under construction in advance of an official launch in 2023. School leaders and teachers can still access all support materials and resources associated with existing services via their different websites.

www.csireland.ie www.jct.ie
www.teacherinduction.ie www.pdst.ie

On the 1st of September 2023, a newly integrated support service named Oide will be established. Currently, there are four individual teacher education support services that provide a wide range of ongoing supports to primary, post-primary and special schools, including professional learning events for school leaders and teachers. These are the: Centre for School Leadership (CSL), Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT), National Induction Programme for Teachers (NIPT), Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). You can access the Oide website [here](#) and/or follow [Oide on twitter](#).

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