
Preface

This pack has been produced to meet the needs of Irish teachers in Transition Year and Senior Cycle teaching students about Europe.

I hope that this will be a valuable resource for teachers in Ireland and their other European partners.

In producing this pack we worked closely with teachers who prepared and piloted materials in their classrooms. I would like to acknowledge the substantial amount of material produced and work done by those teachers and students in sourcing ideas and activities for an exploration of Europe. We hope we have brought out the best of ideas and activities in a way that retains the teacher's stamp as well as making it interesting and enjoyable for the students.

In our many consultations we discussed how much of the past it was necessary for students to know. We also looked at how much about the current mechanisms of the EU it would be necessary or applicable for students to know. We decided on a core unit on Europe with additional options. We hope we have come up with something which encourages students to undertake projects as well as self-directed learning in these fields. We believe the value of hands on activity for a student is valuable.

We hope that the materials will give young people a greater appreciation and understanding of the idea and reality of being a European citizen.

We hope this pack is of use to schools and we welcome working together to support students actively to engage as citizens of Europe.

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