

Developing Citizenship and Service Learning School Policy and Practice

FIVE NATIONS NETWORK



PROJECT OVERVIEW AND AIMS:

Larkin Community College, Dublin aims:

- To deliver Citizenship and Service Learning programmes utilising The Call – a community service learning programme developed by Localise Youth and Community Services.
- To create a school policy on Citizenship and Service Learning Education.
- To create awareness of best practice for Citizenship and Service education and disseminate outcomes.

ACTION:

- A 1st year and a 2nd year group are undertaking The Call 10 week challenge to be of service to the local community.
- A Transition Year group are answering The Call, in the 4 week programme in order to carry out a service learning project.
- Two 1st year group are participating in The Call Workshops, pledging to give back to their local community.
- Our School is drafting a Citizenship and Service education policy.
- A documentary style video is being prepared which will exemplify best practice.

“By participating in Localise programmes our students have a very clear understanding of what it means to be an active member of society”.

Ms. B. Fitzgerald, School Principal

IMPACT:

- Higher grades in state examinations attributable to the Citizenship and Service Action project for students engaged in Localise programmes.
- Student response to the Localise team when they arrive into the school – higher student motivation and willingness to engage with learning.
- Students respond in a positive way to teachers and staff that give back (teachers that lead by example).
- Less likely to engage in anti social behavior – because participants feel connected to the community.
- The longevity of the Localise partnership in our school – annually since 2007.
- Larkin CC is seen as an industry leaders in Citizenship and Service education policy.



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