

**Department of Education and Science (DES) [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)**

Provides links to documents of interest to parents who are newcomers to Ireland. These are available in German, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Spanish and Russian.

**National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS)**

Using interpreters may be a possibility – this is sometimes arranged by the NEPS psychologist in consultation with the parents.

**Irish National Teachers Organisation (INTO) [www.into.ie](http://www.into.ie)**

Have published the following in relation to newcomers and EAL:

- *INTO Intercultural Guidelines in the Primary School*
- *Newcomer Children in the Primary Education System*
- *The Inclusive School*
- *Challenge of Diversity Education Support for Ethnic Minority Children*

Also available is, *Your child in the primary school*, a guide for newcomer parents.

**National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) [www.ncca.ie](http://www.ncca.ie)**

- *The What, Why and How of Children's Learning in Primary School: DVD* is available in 5 languages, that is, English, Gaeilge, Francais (French), Lietuvi (Lithuanian) and Polski (Polish)
- Published *English as an Additional Language in Irish Primary Schools : Guidelines for Teachers*
- Website hosts documents published by IILT
- Suggestions for teaching and learning in EAL can be found on their ACTION website.

**National Education Welfare Board (NEWB) [www.newb.ie](http://www.newb.ie)**

A parents' leaflet, *Don't let your child miss out* is available on their website in 18 different languages. It sets out the role of the NEWB and what parents must do if their child cannot attend school. It also explains the legal obligations on parents to ensure that their child attends school.

**Accessing Intercultural Materials [www.integration.ie](http://www.integration.ie) and [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)**

AIM provides a central source for accessing resources relating to newcomers and their education. Websites are categorised according to the user and can be accessed from here.

### **Jesuit Refugee Service [www.jrs.ie](http://www.jrs.ie)**

- As part of their School Integration project JRS have developed a Resource Folder for teachers and a *Guide to the Education System* for migrant parents in a variety of languages.
- Each year they publish an *Intercultural and Interfaith Calendar* that celebrates diversity in Irish society.
- JRS Community Links also provide Information Sessions for Teachers and Parents upon request.

### **Pavee Point [www.paveepoint.ie](http://www.paveepoint.ie)**

Pavee point provides specific support to members of the Roma community. They also offer guidance and advice to schools regarding the Roma culture.

### **The Garda Racial and Intercultural Office (GRIO) [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)**

In response to neighbourhood incidents of racism/intercultural tensions, a One World Programme has been rolled out in three areas including the city centre, Tallaght and Crumlin. This is a not one-size-fits all programme as it addresses a specific need. The programme is a 5-week programme where teachers focus on diversity using a cross-curricular approach; representatives from various minority groups visit the school and accompany children to venues such as Dublin Zoo.

### **Immigration Council of Ireland (ICI) [www.immigrationcouncil.ie](http://www.immigrationcouncil.ie)**

ICI is also currently running a project aimed at fostering migrants' participation in school management.

### **Access Ireland [www.accessireland.ie](http://www.accessireland.ie) and [www.cairde.ie](http://www.cairde.ie)**

Access Ireland is a refugee social integration project and offers a cultural mediation service which may be useful for schools. Cultural Mediation is the process through which a cultural mediator acts as a cultural broker between service providers and clients from minority ethnic backgrounds. Cultural mediators are a resource both for service providers and for the various minority ethnic communities.