



Project themes

The following project themes are examples of Erasmus+ mobility projects that have been successfully implemented in Ireland in collaboration with our partner schools. These examples are shared to help illustrate the type of educational activities and collaborative projects that can be developed during a mobility experience.

Each example demonstrates how international students can work together with Irish students through workshops, collaborative learning, and "Project Days", where ideas are transformed into practical actions or proposals.

These themes are provided as inspiration for schools preparing their own Erasmus+ KA1 mobility projects. Visiting schools are welcome to bring their own project ideas, and our partner schools in Ireland are open to hosting groups working on similar educational themes and collaborative projects.

The examples included in this document highlight four areas that have proven to be particularly successful in past mobilities:



Participation in democratic life (Youth Voice, Real Change):

International students unite to transform school democracy. Working in dynamic, mixed teams, participants design groundbreaking Youth Council proposals that could revolutionise student representation.



Inclusion and diversity (Stories That Unite):

Digital storytelling program where students explore diversity and inclusion by creating multimedia narratives that challenge stereotypes and strengthen intercultural empathy. They transform personal experiences into joint creative projects.



Digital transformation (Digital Citizenship):

Analyze real examples of misinformation together, create Digital Citizenships, Charters, and design awareness campaigns addressing cyberbullying, fake news, or digital wellbeing.



Sustainability (Plastic free schools):

Taking inspiration from the program designed by Education for Sustainability, schools across Europe will embark on a one-week intensive climate education program and collaborative project to introduce the concept of a plastic-free school.

These examples can serve as reference cases when designing your mobility project. Schools may adapt these concepts, build on them, or develop their own project themes aligned with their Erasmus+ objectives.

Participation in Democratic Life:

Youth Voice, Real Change

Tired of being told to wait your turn? Sick of adults making decisions that impact your life without your input? This isn't just another program—it's your training ground for real democratic leadership. Learn how to amplify your voice, challenge the status quo, and create genuine institutional change that truly matters.

Youth Voice, Real Change

Unleash your inner changemaker! This transformative 5-day Erasmus program empowers students to revolutionize school democracy through hands-on learning. Over 15 intensive hours, international students dive deep into civic participation, developing critical English communication skills while designing real Youth Council proposals. Through interactive workshops, collaborative challenges, and cross-cultural teamwork, participants learn how young people can create meaningful institutional change. You'll master public speaking, negotiation techniques, and democratic decision-making - all while building confidence in English. The program culminates in an exciting Project Day where international and Irish students join forces to craft actionable youth leadership strategies. More than just a course, this is a life-changing journey that turns passionate students into confident global citizens.

Project Concept: Youth Council

Ignite international collaboration on Project Day! International and Irish students unite to transform school democracy in just six electrifying hours. Working in dynamic, mixed teams, participants design groundbreaking Youth Council proposals that could revolutionize student representation. Through intense workshops, creative problem-solving, and cross-cultural dialogue, students draft real-world strategies that amplify young voices. It's not just learning - it's a hands-on mission to reshape educational leadership, one innovative idea at a time.

MON	Understanding Student Voice Fundamentals
	Exploring democracy principles, civic participation concepts, and introduction to Youth Councils
TUE	Mapping Local Government Landscape
	Analysing government structures, successful case studies, and developing democratic participation skills
WED	Designing Youth Council Blueprint
	Crafting constitution documents, analysing school context, and preparing for collaborative project
THU	Project Day International Youth Council Creation
	Collaborative proposal development and presentation with Irish and international student teams
FRI	Reflecting on Civic Engagement Journey
	Presenting key insights, creating action plans, and celebrating democratic leadership achievements

Inclusion and Diversity:

Stories That Unite

Your story matters. But who's listening? This week, transform personal experiences into powerful digital narratives that challenge stereotypes and build bridges across cultures. Learn storytelling techniques, create multimedia projects, and collaborate with Irish students to prove that stories—not statistics—change hearts and minds. Everyone has a story. What's yours?

Stories That Unite

Stories That Unite uses digital storytelling to explore diversity, challenge stereotypes, and build empathy across cultures. Students learn narrative techniques, explore personal and cultural identities, and create compelling multimedia stories that celebrate human diversity while developing English communication skills. Through three days of intensive preparation, students master storytelling craft—from "show don't tell" techniques to digital editing tools—and develop their own powerful narratives about identity, belonging, and inclusion. On Project Day, they collaborate with Irish students to create joint storytelling projects that weave together diverse perspectives and find common ground across difference. Students leave with polished digital stories, new international friendships, and the confidence to use storytelling as a tool for promoting inclusion in their communities. More than a course— it's a movement to amplify diverse voices and prove that everyone has a story worth telling.

Project Concept: Model United Nations

Experience the magic of cross-cultural storytelling collaboration. International and Irish students form mixed teams, share personal narratives about diversity and inclusion, and create joint multimedia projects—collaborative digital stories, story exhibitions, parallel narratives, or story maps. Through intensive creative work, students discover common ground across cultural differences, challenge assumptions, and produce beautiful work that celebrates diverse voices. The day culminates in emotional story presentations that prove stories unite us more powerfully than anything else. Authentic collaboration. Genuine connection. Unforgettable impact.

MON	The Power of Stories	Exploring identity, understanding how stories shape perceptions, and beginning personal narratives.
TUE	Storytelling Techniques and Empathy	Learning narrative craft, challenging stereotypes, and creating empathy through counter-narratives.
WED	Digital Storytelling and Multimedia	Creating digital stories, learning ethical storytelling, and preparing for collaborative Project Day.
THU	Project Day	Stories That Unite - Project Day International collaboration creating multimedia stories and presentations celebrating diverse voices.
FRI	Reflection and Celebration	Finalizing projects, reflecting on learning, creating action plans, and celebrating storytelling achievements.

Digital Transformation:

Digital Citizenship

Your generation lives online—but are you in control, or is the algorithm? Learn to spot fake news, protect your privacy, and create positive change in the digital world. This isn't about rules and restrictions. It's about power, critical thinking, and using technology to make things better.

Digital Citizenship

Navigate the digital world with confidence, critical thinking, and purpose. In this dynamic Erasmus program, students develop essential digital citizenship skills for the 21st century. Through expert-guided workshops, realworld analysis of misinformation, and collaborative international projects, participants learn to identify fake news, protect their privacy, understand algorithms and filter bubbles, and create positive digital content. Students practice English in authentic contexts while tackling issues that matter to them: cyberbullying, social media wellbeing, online safety, and digital activism. The program culminates in Project Day, where international and Irish students collaborate to create Digital Citizenship Charters and awareness campaigns for their schools. More than a course, this is preparation for life in a digital age—developing the critical thinking and ethical judgment young people need to thrive online.

Project Concept: Digital Citizenship

International students join Irish peers for an intensive day of digital citizenship action. Analyze real examples of misinformation together, create Digital Citizenship Charters, and design awareness campaigns addressing cyberbullying, fake news, or digital wellbeing. Experience authentic collaboration across cultures while developing materials that can create real change in your schools. Leave with practical tools, international friendships, and the confidence to be a positive force online.

MON	Digital Citizenship Foundations
	Exploring online safety, digital footprints, privacy, cyberbullying, and responsible digital behaviour.
TUE	Misinformation and Critical Thinking
	Learning to identify fake news, verify sources, understand algorithms, and escape filter bubbles.
WED	Creating Positive Digital Content
	Designing effective awareness campaigns, crafting messages, and planning digital citizenship initiatives collaboratively.
THU	Project Day Digital Citizenship - Project Day
	Creating Digital Citizenship Charters and campaigns with Irish students, addressing real online challenges.
FRI	Reflection and Empowerment
	Presenting work, reflecting on learning and celebrating achievements and digital citizenship growth.

Sustainability:

Plastic free schools

Our program How to be a Changemaker is an ideal project for ERASMUS mobility groups who are looking for a unique educational holiday meeting likeminded students from all over the Europe and making memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. The program teaches Climate Action through English and encourages international collaboration.

Plastic free schools

Young people are often very aware of the destruction of the environment taking place all over the world and may be more aware of it than their parents or teachers. Despite this there is a disconnect between the awareness they have and their role for change. Often young learners feel that responsibility lies with governments or someone else without realising their generation face the consequences of actions taking place today. In addition, climate change denial and misinformation on social media can lead to polarisation and conflicting ideas. This project is designed to not only promote awareness of climate change and sustainability but also to show that action can be taken by all of us to create meaningful change. Greta Thunberg has shown that anyone can make a difference.

Project Concept: Plastic Free Schools

In 2018, Newpark Comprehensive School became Ireland's first single- use plastic-free school. This was the result of a student-led campaign, inspired by the Education for Sustainability 8-week transition year module. Taking inspiration from the program designed by Education for Sustainability, schools across Europe will embark on a one-week intensive climate education program and a collaborative project to introduce the concept of a plastic free school to school management at their home school.

MON	Introduction to Climate Change and Sustainability
	Introduction to climate change, sustainability and the environmental issues facing our world today.
TUE	Reforestation and Carbon Offsetting
	Learn about reforestation and carbon offsetting and their role in reducing our carbon footprint.
WED	How to be a Changemaker
	Understanding our role in fighting climate change and how our projects can make a difference.
THU	Project Day Plastic Free Schools
	Collaborating with a school from Ireland to create a project plan to make your home school plastic free.
FRI	Reflection and Project Presentation
	Prepare your project to present to school management a concept and road map to be a plastic free school.