

Restorative Approaches: Building Relationships Between Schools, Parents and Communities

For the last two years Norfolk County Council Children's Services has been working in partnership with schools in the Dun Laoghaire area of Dublin as part of a Comenius Regio project to develop and improve the use of restorative approaches in schools and communities.

As a result of using restorative approaches in Norfolk schools, we are seeing the following results:

- Reduction in school exclusions
- Improved school attendance rates
- Reduction in persistent absentees
- Improved relationships with parents
- Improved Ofsted reports
- Reduction in incidents in school

We will be hosting a free seminar aimed at supporting schools to build a sense of community, and to work restoratively with parents and their wider community.

As part of the project we have been fortunate to work with Dr Derick Wilson and Jim McGrath who are both experts in the field of restorative approaches and education, and whose experience and advice has led to a number of changes in the way that we are working and plan to work in Norfolk to build, maintain and repair relationships.

We have taken this chance to bring Derick and Jim to Norfolk so that Norfolk schools can have the opportunity of hearing from them directly.

For more information and how to book please [click here](#).