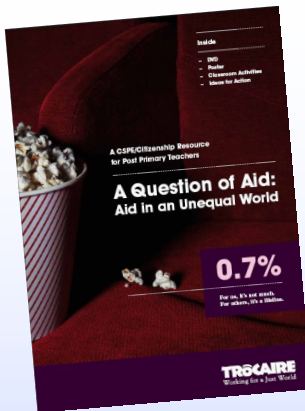




Dear CSPE Co-ordinator/CSPE Teachers,

Welcome to the first issue of the CSPE Newsletter. In this edition we have highlighted a number of very useful resources in the teaching of CSPE which may be of use to you in your CSPE classroom.



Trócaire's *A Question of Aid: Aid in an Unequal World*

This resource is most useful for exploring the issue of Aid in CSPE. It is constructed around 4 key questions on Poverty and Aid encouraging discussion and debate, critical thinking and active learning. A DVD exploring these 4 questions actively engages the students. A booklet containing ideas for classroom activities and a very useful Glossary of Aid terms is included in the resource.

Useful ideas for Action Projects are also included in the pack.

The resource focuses on the concepts: ***Rights & Responsibilities, Development, and Interdependence.***

Haiti Earthquake Disaster

The recent devastating earthquake in Haiti has led to many aid agencies appealing for our help and support to ease the humanitarian crisis. Many CSPE classes have responded with teachers and their students organising events within the school to highlight the plight of the survivors in Haiti as well as liaising with the many aid agencies including: Trócaire, Goal, Concern, Haven, etc.

Ideas for Action Projects: Raising Awareness, Fundraising, Investigating the work of the NGO's, Guest speaker from one of the aid agencies to the class.

Concepts: *Rights & Responsibilities, Human Dignity, Interdependence and Development*

Journey through Europe

This European Citizenship Pack is a very valuable resource for the CSPE classroom. It is laid out as a module of work, consisting of 10 core lessons with plenty of ideas for action projects. The emphasis is on engaging students actively, in a fun way, in their own learning and helping them to explore the EU for themselves and become more aware of its importance in their lives.

The resource includes a resource folder, Maps, CD-Rom, a Jigsaw based on the 27 member states and a map of the EU. The resource material can be downloaded from <http://cspe.slss.ie>.

Ideas for Action Projects are also included re. Europe Day and a Mock European Election.



Teacher's Corner Module 4: Ideas and Lesson Plans for Consumer Education

We live in a consumer society where we make choices on a daily basis.

Dolceta – an online Consumer Education aims to raise awareness and understanding of European Consumer Rights in the Member States. This resource contains an introduction to consumer education and 24 lesson plans with accompanying active learning strategies, including interactive online quizzes, suitable for a CSPE class.

Ideas for Action Projects: Raise Awareness on Consumer Rights; Promote the setting up of a Fair Trade shop in the school; Survey on Fair Trade products.

www.dolceta.eu

Concepts: Stewardship; Interdependence; Rights & Responsibilities and Development.



[www.Think B4U Click.ie](http://www.ThinkB4UClick.ie)

This resource aims to assist teachers in educating their students about the meaning of privacy, and the rights and responsibilities that we all have where privacy is concerned. Given the internet's relevance to young people, and the risks of using social networking websites, the resource has a particular focus on online privacy, and on the importance of using the net responsibly in order to respect one's own privacy and that of one's friends.

Ideas for Action Projects: Survey on awareness of internet safety; Awareness Raising Campaign; Poster Campaign; Charter of Online Rights & Responsibilities.

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Graphic Organisers – Have you thought of using these in CSPE?

Graphic Organisers facilitate the learning process by providing a scaffold for the development of ideas and the construction of knowledge. They provide a visual method which helps students to develop and structure their learning, in a fun way.

To download here's the web address:

<http://www.slss.ie/resources/GraphicOrganiserFinal.pdf>