



RAI Literacy Development Awards for Schools, 2009-10

The literacy development awards are intended to support primary and post-primary schools in implementing projects to improve literacy. Schools are encouraged to implement innovative practice in one or more aspects of literacy – reading, writing and oral language.

Grants of up to €500 will be awarded, although priority will be given to applications for smaller grants (e.g., €100 or €250). A proportion of each grant will be paid early in Spring, 2010, and the remainder will be paid upon completion of the project. Successful applicants will be encouraged to make a presentation on their findings at the Annual Conference of the Reading Association of Ireland in September 2010. Applications will be adjudicated by a subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the Reading Association of Ireland. All decisions are binding.

Special consideration will be given to applications that incorporate a collaborative, whole-school approach to literacy development.

Examples of the types of school-wide projects that might be submitted for an award are:

- The effects of integrating literacy with digital technologies across class levels
- The effects of a literature-based approach on pupils' reading comprehension skills across class levels.
- Materials or strategies to support the literacy development of newcomer pupils
- A whole-school literature-based programme to improve reading in Irish.
- A school-wide parent-involvement activity to improve some aspect of pupils' literacy.

Projects should be completed by the end of the 2009-10 school year.

Application Information

The award is open to all current members of the Reading Association of Ireland (www.reading.ie). The deadline for submission of applications for the 2009-10 awards is **March 26th, 2010**. Applicants should complete the attached form on behalf of the school. Applicants should also submit a letter from the Chair of their Board of Management verifying their school's support for the study.

Dissemination

The names of successful applicants and short descriptions of their projects will appear in *Reading News*, and on the RAI website. Successful applicants will also be asked to contribute a short article about their project to *Reading News* after it has been completed.

Enquiries and applications should be sent to RAI, c/o Educational Research Centre, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 or gerry.shiel@erc.ie

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APPLICATION FORM

Name of school: _____

School address: _____

E-mail: _____

Proposal submitted by: _____

Mobile: _____

Title of study: _____

Target group: (class level(s), age range) _____

Expected results: _____

Timeline: (indicate the main stages of the proposed project, including intended dates for start and completion):

Budget: Indicate the main budget items for which funding is sought, as well as any other sources of funding.

_____ € _____

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Total amount requested from RAI: € _____

Total funding from other sources: € _____

Total cost of project: € _____

Short description of the project, including an indication of how you propose to measure its effects (300 words maximum):