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This e-book provides details of the 18 NQL winners in Ireland in 2018. As you will see, the projects vary widely in theme and content but the commitment to digital collaborative work and pedagogical innovation is common to all. We are very grateful to the teachers who have allowed us to feature their work in this booklet and we hope its readers are inspired to apply some of these innovative approaches to their own projects in the future.

plan on inclusion and it allowed an interesting exchange of practices with the partner schools. It created a positive and empather environment for all the students."

Mi Vida Y Yo 2

R. Stokes, Dominican College, Sion Hill

This project, carried out entirely in Spanish, involved 103 students in five classrooms around Europe: Spain, Italy, France, Germany and Ireland. The students were the same age and the partnership enabled them to get to know each other and to explore other countries and cultures. ICT (Digital Technology), Citizenship and Languages were the core subjects chosen by the five teachers.

For the Dominican College Sion Hill participants, the project aimed above all to increase the students' fluency in the Spanish language. Themes for the project were selected from the MFL curriculum.



These included: My Profile, Getting to Know You, Describing People and Places, Hobbies and Homes, Our Schools.

Through the use of a wide range of technology and teamwork techniques, the students improved their language levels, interpersonal and communication skills, digital technology competencies and creativity. Using apps like Padlet, PicCollage, Powtoons, Avatar-makers and 3-D Planners, as well as audio-visual recording on iPads, students produced and uploaded slideshows, videos, cartoons, questionnaires and dream-home plans, all in Spanish.

Communication was carried out mainly through Twinspace. Instructions were placed here for each project task and on-going feedback was provided by teachers and also by peers. Impressive work was produced here, with Ms. Stokes commenting that the feedback function improved her students 'attention to detail and productivity'.

The students enjoyed communicating through eTwinning messages and, in some cases, video calls. Twinspace was especially beneficial for student collaboration. The teams, comprising students from each of the five countries, were able to quickly reach a consensus before beginning each task, updating on progress and uploading their creations.

"I think the school benefited as the students increased a wide range of skills, learned lots about new cultures and also became more motivated to improve their Spanish. For me, the most successful result was the students' increased confidence and motivation in using the Spanish language at all times."



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