



**August 2020**

## **Introduction**

During the summer of 2020, the Department of Education outlined a plan for supporting the Wellbeing of School Communities on the Return to School. To streamline support for school communities the Department of Education, through its Wellbeing Implementation Group, proposes a 3-phase approach to wellbeing in schools in 2020/21. This document presents the **suite of webinars** that the NCGE has planned with regard to **phase 1 of returning to school**. This phase is concerned with ‘re-entry’ and ‘settling in’ and NCGE will provide CPD and resources to support school provision of Whole School Guidance during this phase. These webinars provide CPD on a variety of topics which will provide practical support to school management and Guidance Counsellors to enhance their provision of Guidance during the academic year 2020/21.

**The programme of NCGE CPD for phase 1** is outlined below in table form in order to give a concise account of the content. Resources will be developed and explained within each CPD webinar to support practice around each topic. This programme was developed in line with feedback and information provided by Guidance Counsellors and School Management in a [survey distributed at the end of academic year 2019/20](#).



## NCGE schedule of CPD for Phase 1 of Department Plan - Supporting the Wellbeing of School Communities on the Return to School

Date and Time	CPD Title	Purpose
21 <sup>st</sup> August 2020 (Friday) 11:00am-12:30pm	<b>Getting Started in your new School: A webinar for newly qualified guidance counsellors</b>	This webinar will support Guidance Counsellors who are recently qualified and who will begin to work in post-primary schools in their new role in September 2020.
25 <sup>th</sup> August (Tuesday) 2:00-3:30pm	<b>Guidance and Returning to School for Academic Year 2020-2021</b>	<p>This webinar will set the scene for academic year 2020-2021 and will support Guidance Counsellors with their planning and organisation as they return to work.</p> <p>All relevant and contemporary issues e.g. the concept and practicalities of blended learning will be addressed.</p> <p>This webinar will provide content and guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Adapting the Whole School Guidance Plan to include digitalised guidance.</li> <li>– Protocol for one-to-one Guidance Counselling (including contracting/record-keeping and what happens if the call gets disconnected)</li> <li>– How to target/prioritise students.</li> <li>– Planning issues and what to discuss/agree with school management</li> <li>– Self-care for the Guidance Counsellor</li> <li>– Outline of programme of CPD</li> <li>– A ‘checklist’ for the Guidance Counsellor to support them with the transition back to school</li> </ul>
27 <sup>th</sup> August (Thursday) 2:00-3:30pm	<b>An ABC of digitalised Guidance &amp; links with pedagogy.</b>	This webinar aims to reassure Guidance Counsellors that they can be confident in their provision of digital guidance. The practice of providing Guidance online or over the phone will be discussed in a practical way, with links to pedagogy and Guidance training.



<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b> <b>2:00-3:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Supporting Outgoing Students (the class of 2020)</b></p>	<p>This webinar aims to prepare Guidance Counsellors with all information needed to support the class of 2020 in terms of receiving their calculated grades, appealing the results, sitting the examinations and receiving their offers.</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>(Thursday)</b> <b>2:00 – 3:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Introducing Guidance Related Learning Resources for Junior Cycle</b></p>	<p>Eighteen lessons of Guidance Related Learning for Junior Cycle students have been developed. Each lesson contains a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, a detailed lesson plan and student worksheet. These lessons are suitable for use both in the classroom and if students are learning remotely. This webinar aims to introduce all aspects of these newly developed resources for Junior Cycle Guidance. In addition, participants will be provided with ample opportunity to ask questions.</p>
<p><b>8th September</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b> <b>2:00-3:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>NCGE / Euroguidance Resources for Guidance Counsellors</b></p>	<p>This CPD will showcase a number of practical NCGE and Euroguidance resources for Guidance Counsellors.</p>
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>(Thursday)</b> <b>2:00-3:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Setting up a network of support</b></p>	<p>Focus on how to set up a network of support both locally and nationally.</p>
<p><b>15th September</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b> <b>2:00-4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Resources for Guidance Counsellors</b></p>	<p>This CPD will showcase resources for Guidance Counsellors from other agencies to include CareersPortal / PPLI / Teaching Council / ExitEntry / PTECH Resources</p>
<p><b>22nd September</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b> <b>2:00 – 4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Legalities of Digitalised Guidance Counselling</b></p>	<p>This CPD will focus on the legal aspects of digitalised Guidance Counselling</p>



<b>6th October</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b>  <b>2:00-3:30pm</b>	<b>Whole School Guidance Planning for academic year 2020/21: Adapting the plan and ensuring all local school policies are in place.</b>	This webinar will address Whole School Guidance planning during this phase of the covid-19 pandemic.
<b>13th October</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b>  <b>2:00-3:30pm</b>	<b>Mobility in Europe &amp; 'Access Europe' Resources</b>	NCGE present and discuss supports developed in this area.  Guest speakers will provide information on mobility / Europe.  By the end of the session guidance counsellors will have an overview of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) The mobility opportunities available to students and where to access more information about them.</li><li>(ii) The tools available to support mobility</li><li>(iii) The organisations in Ireland that support mobility.</li><li>(iv) How to engage in a mobility experience for their own CPD.</li></ul>
<b>20th October</b> <b>(Tuesday)</b>  <b>2:00-3:30pm</b>	<b>Self-Care for the Guidance Counsellor</b>	To support the Guidance Counsellor after the first half of the first term. Reflections on work done / supports needed / local communication and relationships, supervision etc.

It should also be noted that NCGE will run a further online CPD in January 2021 on the topic of **'Legalities of Guidance Counselling (where confidentiality meet child protection).'** This CPD was scheduled to take place in Spring 2020 and was booked to capacity. Further information on this three-part webinar will be available in due course.