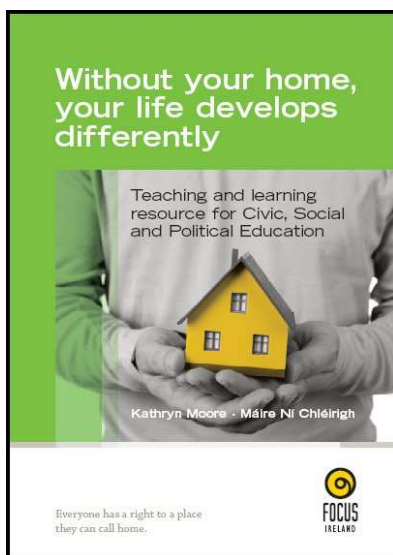


New Resources



Focus Ireland Resource

The module is titled "Without Your Home Your Life Develops Differently", and is a practical teaching tool for Civic Social & Political Education (CSPE) classes to help inform students about homelessness and housing need in Ireland. The free learning resource aims to help breakdown stereotypes about people who are homeless and also support efforts to prevent young people who may be at risk of becoming homeless. Focus Ireland's education programme is supported by essential funding from City of Dublin Youth Services Board (CDYSB). Contact Lucinda McNally - Communications Officer Focus Ireland. Ph: 01 881 5964 or Roughtan Mac Namara - Advocacy Manager Focus Ireland. Ph: 01 8815 900. CSPE teachers can also order the module from Focus Ireland's Research Officer, Sinead McGinley at 01 8815900 or by emailing smcginley@focusireland.ie.



ThinkB4UClick

This is a Resource for CSPE that aims to empower students to be effective, autonomous and safe users of new media. The various activities, including surveys, comic strip, reflections and Action Project ideas deal with issues such as privacy online and legal issues relating to use of new media. Included is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Webwise Charter of Online Rights of the Child. The resource can be downloaded from [here](#), either in full or section by section. ThinkB4UClick is jointly published by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties and the National Centre for Technology in Education.

Important Dates

CSPE Exam: Monday, 14th June from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

ACT Meeting to discuss Paper – **Mon 14th June** from 3.30 pm, Blackrock Education Centre

News

Revision Powerpoints

Always a useful revision tool, our Powerpoint presentation on “Famous Faces” of CSPE has been revised to take into account cabinet changes and the election in Britain. Some new faces have also been added. These can be sent on request to info@cspeteachers.ie For new members we also have Powerpoints on CSPE Facts (eg numbers of TDs, MEPs etc) and on “CSPE Buildings” (eg Dáil, White House etc)

Cork Branch

The Cork Branch of ACT is up and running since March and two successful workshops have already been held. Officers are as follows: Chair- Coman Corcoran; Treasurer: Finbar Loftus; Secretary: Kieran Shanahan; Joint PROs: Michael Domoney, Eileen Coleman.

Support Service

Changes are ongoing in the official support service. The Second Level Support Service (SLSS) will no longer exist, nor will the Primary Support Service (PPDS). A new umbrella structure will take their place. We believe that there will be support of CSPE on a similar basis to 2009/2010. Also Conor Harrison, current national coordinator for CSPE (as one of a “pillar” of subjects) will still be in place. We will post details to our website when we have any further news.

Action Project Idea

Those wondering about Action Projects for next year might consider using the Presidential Election – one is due next calendar year (2011), and while it is possible there may be an agreed candidate, and thus no election, the rumblings would suggest that there will be a contest.

Trócaire Resource

A Question of Aid – Aid in an Unequal World is a resource from Trócaire., dealing with Aid and Poverty issues for CSPE. There’s a DVD exploring four approaches: discussion and debate, critical thinking and active learning, as well as a classroom booklet with various activities and a glossary of Aid terms.

Folens Text












Folens have informed us that their textbook **Make a Difference** will be updated for Sept 2011. In the meantime the text is available online. You can view the text if you are registered at www.folensonline.ie If not registered (it's free) you can preview the text and the onscreen reader here: <http://postprimary.folensonline.ie/BookPlayer3/?book=164>

New Minister

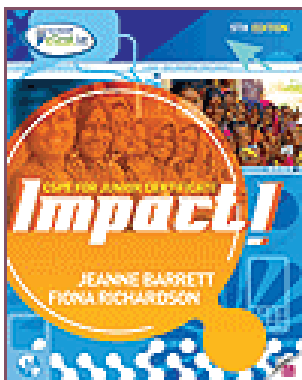


We have a new Minister for Education – Mary Coughlan T.D., and the Department will now be known as the Department of Education and Skills (still DES!). The rest of the new cabinet is on page 3. The cabinet changes may have been too late for inclusion in the exam paper, but the faces may appear however. Usually in such cases the student may be asked just to identify the person, or name the party he or she belongs to, or what office this person holds or has held.

New Cabinet 2010

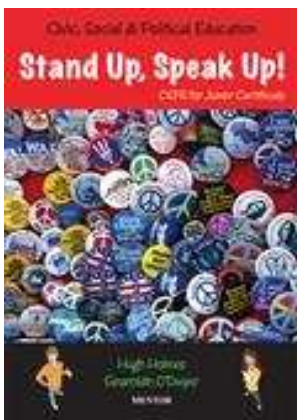
	<p>Taoiseach (Prime Minister)</p>		<p>Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation</p>
<p><i>Brian Cowen T.D.</i></p>	<p><i>Batt O'Keeffe, T.D.</i></p>		
	<p>Department of Transport</p>		<p>Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport</p>
<p><i>Noel Dempsey T.D.</i></p>	<p><i>Mary Hanafin T.D.</i></p>		
	<p>Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs</p>		<p>Department of Social Protection</p>
<p><i>Pat Carey, T.D.</i></p>	<p><i>Éamon Ó Cuív T.D.</i></p>		
	<p>Department of Defence</p>		<p>Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources</p>
<p><i>Tony Killeen, T.D.</i></p>	<p><i>Eamon Ryan T.D.</i></p>		
	<p>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food</p>		<p>Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government</p>
<p><i>Brendan Smith, T.D.</i></p>	<p><i>John Gormley T.D.</i></p>		
	<p>Department of Foreign Affairs</p>		<p>Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform</p>
<p><i>Micheál Martin T.D.</i></p>	<p><i>Dermot Ahern T.D.</i></p>		
	<p>Department of Finance</p>		<p>Department of Health and Children</p>
<p><i>Brian Lenihan T.D.</i></p>	<p><i>Mary Harney T.D.</i></p>		

New CSPE Textbooks



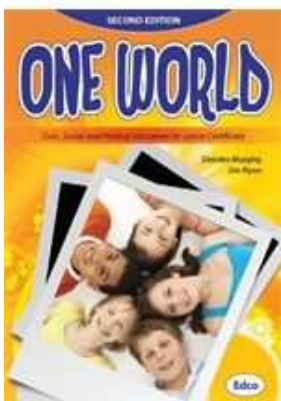
Impact! 5th Edition (2010)

CSPE Textbook by Jeanne Barrett and Fiona Richardson, taking into account all recent major social and political changes, Up-to-date case studies and topics including: - Cyber-bullying - Climate change - Human Rights and Children's Rights - The Ombudsman for Children - Micro-credit for the poor - Aids orphans - Your Rights in Law Comprehensive • including guides to Action Projects and Skills, Core Concepts of the CSPE course, current issues and topics, how to complete a Report on an Action project (RAP). Online testing for homework and revision will be available for this textbook on the new eTest.ie website. Gill & Macmillan Publication.



Stand Up, Speak Up! (2010)

Stand Up, Speak Up is written by Hugh Holmes and Gearóidín O'Dwyer, and comes with a "CSPE Activity Book". The text is organised in accordance with the 7 Concepts of CSPE. There are case studies, glossaries of terms in English and Irish, Exam Practice exercises and a section on assessment. It is published by Mentor Books.



One World, Second Edition (2010)

This revised text is written by Deirdre Murphy and Jim Ryan, and published by the Educational Company. It comes with a free workbook. Each section focuses on one of the the 7 Key Concepts of CSPE. Exam-type questions are included and an entire section is dedicated to assessment. There are online resources and backup at edcodigital.ie

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