

## Twinkl partner with ISPCC to create new educational resources for children in Ireland

- Twinkl have partnered with the ISPCC to create new educational resources to raise awareness of gender-based violence and support parents and educators with discussing this topic into the classroom.
- ISPCC is a charity dedicated to enhancing the lives of children and young people. On average, their <u>Childline</u> 24-hour support line receives 300 engagements a day from children and young people.
- Last year, over 37,000 volunteer hours were donated to Childline's 24-hour support line by volunteers across Ireland.
- Founded in 2010, Twinkl's mission as a global educational resource publisher is to help those who teach, serving parents and educators in over 200 countries.
- The four resources packs created in partnership with the ISPCC will be accessible for free for all Twinkl users.

<u>ISPCC</u> provide a range of services directly to children and families across Ireland, including Childline services and further support, whilst advocating for change in order to enhance the lives of children in Ireland. Their Childline 24-hour support service, is available 365 days a year.

In November 2022, the ISPCC partnered with global educational resource publishing company Twinkl to raise awareness of gender-based violence, racism, consent, personal safety and speaking out. Their partnership will support parents and educators in teaching their children about sensitive topics, whilst giving them a greater understanding of current news events.

Victoria Howson, Community Engagement Manager, Shield Anti-Bullying Programme, said, "Violence is never the best way to respond in any situation. We always need to respond to others with respect towards their gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, or disability. Our aim is that children respond to differences with curiosity, openness, and acceptance."

Twinkl's <u>four free-to-access resource packs</u> have been carefully curated with the support of ISPCC to ensure they are accurate and age-appropriate. With activity packs and corresponding resources included in each pack, they are available for use with children aged from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

The new resource packs cover topics including, racism, gender-based violence, consent, personal safety and speaking out in an age-appropriate way. They aim to give children a greater understanding of these topics and are supported by adult guidance to enable parents and educators to have open conversations with their children.



Mairead Fitzmaurice, Ireland Country Manager at Twinkl, said, "We are proud to have had the opportunity to work closely with the ISPCC to create this new collection of resources. We understand the important work the ISPCC does to support children and families across Ireland, and we hope these resources will bring open conversations to the classroom and develop children's understanding of these important issues."

ISPCC resources are available to access and download through the Twinkl website, and are accessible by anyone with a Twinkl membership.

Further information about ISPCC and their Childline 24-hour support line, which is for all children and young people (up to and including the age of 18) in Ireland, can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

Childline's 24-hour support line is a confidential and non-judgmental service and is accessible for free from anywhere in Ireland. Children and young people can chat online at Childline.ie or call 1800 66 66 66. Children and young people are encouraged to reach out for any reason, at any time. The service is available 24 hours a day, every day.

ISPCC rely on public donations for over 75% of the funding to provide their services. There are several ways to support including; financial donations, consider training as a Childline volunteer, take part in a fundraising challenge or volunteering at fundraising events.

More information about how you could get involved can be found <u>online</u> or by contacting the fundraising team on 0818 50 40 50. If you would like to donate, please visit <u>www.ispcc.ie/donate-now/</u>.

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