



21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

**PDST 'Wellread National Award' – Expression of Interest**

Dear Principal,

Following the launch of the **Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) Wellread National Award** in 2015, the PDST would like to invite schools (who are not already registered since 2015) to register for a possible award in **October 2018** or thereafter.

The **PDST Wellread National Award** aims to promote the development of a reading culture in school communities towards supporting the personal and academic development of our young people. It involves all stakeholders including students, teachers, parents, Board of Management and the wider community in reading and associated activities.

We would like to invite teachers to attend a two hour Information Session taking place in Education Centres around the country. I would be grateful if you could bring this schedule to the attention of the relevant teachers in your school. This session will outline ways in which schools might explicitly foster and nurture a reading culture in their school, including exploring practical considerations concerning the reading environment and establishing reader networks. This session will also consider ways in which schools might capture their 'Wellread' journey. Further information can also be found on the PDST website.

***For schools who are already on their Wellread journey you do not need to re-register.***

Please feel free to contact us in Laois Education Centre on 057-8672400 extension 5 and speak to Margaret Mary Grant should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

**Ciara O'Donnell**

**National Director**

**Professional Development Service for Teachers**

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<b><i>Hosting Education Centre</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Duration</i></b>
Laois Education Centre	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	5-7pm
Co Wexford Education Centre	4 <sup>th</sup> October	5-7pm
Limerick Education Centre	4 <sup>th</sup> October	5-7pm
Blackrock Education Centre	4 <sup>th</sup> October	5-7pm
Sligo Education Centre	4 <sup>th</sup> October	5-7pm
Drumcondra Education Centre	9 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30-6.30pm
Tralee Education Centre	9 <sup>th</sup> October	5-7pm

**Should you wish to attend please book only via hosting Education Centre above**