SFI Discover Centre Network Directory

Opportunities for schools to engage with informal Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Education

Have fun...while learning!
Engaging with high-quality Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) education experiences from a young age can have a lasting impact, inspiring and educating the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators. Accredited by the SFI Discover Primary Science and Maths programme, SFI Discover Centres offer primary school students the opportunity to learn about STEM through hands-on, creative and interactive workshops. Through this valuable programme, Science Foundation Ireland supports teachers and young people alike in helping them to feel confident to embrace STEM, in curricular, co-curricular and out-of-classroom settings, and giving them the chance to develop their analytical, creativity and critical thinking skills, which are essential to thrive in the rapidly changing world we live in.

It is vital that we encourage schools to boost their STEM education, and the SFI Discover Primary Science and Maths programme and SFI Discover Centres will provide the resources needed to achieve this. For that reason, they hold the potential to play a major role in the success of the STEM education implementation plan for 2026, and in guiding young people in Ireland towards rewarding STEM careers.
Creating an engaged and scientifically-informed public is crucial to Ireland’s economic and societal future. To achieve this, we will need to place national emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths education in schools, as outlined in the STEM Education Policy Statement recently released by the Department of Education and Skills. Inspiring young people to pursue STEM subjects beyond compulsory education is key to addressing the increasing demand for STEM graduates globally and will be essential for continued economic growth for Ireland. At Science Foundation Ireland we recognise the superb efforts to promote STEM in primary schools across the country, and we believe that encouraging young people to learn through activities beyond the classroom will help us to build on these efforts. The SFI Discover Centres provide the ideal platform for this. There are now 59 across Ireland, each offering accredited workshops allowing children to explore STEM through hands-on, interactive approaches, engaging them on a physical and sensory level.

Immersing pupils in STEM in this way allows us to work together to equip young people with the skills necessary for an enjoyable and rewarding journey through their education and career. We are allowing them to become familiar with their potential in the world of STEM, so that they may be inspired and empowered to become the leading scientists, engineers and innovators of the future.
Through the SFI Discover Primary Science and Maths programme, Science Foundation Ireland has brought together a network of SFI Discover Centres. These centres offer accredited workshops and activities for primary schools to help young people engage with Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Space in an informal set up.

The activities offered by the SFI Discover Centres supports students to apply their creativity, knowledge and skills across the STEM disciplines through real life, fun interactions which is in line with the national STEM Education Policy Statement.

Each of the SFI Discover Centres provide schools with an opportunity to engage in science education outside of the classroom, yet in a curriculum relevant and inquiry-based way. Engaging with this network offers a chance to meet scientists, engineers and a range of people who use STEM knowledge and skills every day.

Centres include the Zoo, national parks, interpretive centres, observatories, aquariums, a fab lab and many more.

If you’re planning your school tour, trying to bring the science and maths curriculum to life or interested in helping your students enjoy learning outside of the classroom, here is the ideal guide to a network of centres to help you.

Schools can gain credit towards their SFI Discover Science and Maths Awards by visiting a Centre (for more details, see p.31)

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**W5, Belfast**

W5’s interactive science and discovery exhibits stimulate curiosity, generate questioning and increase understanding on a variety of topics including flight, technology, biodiversity, senses and light. Science-based workshops include Toying with Forces, Destination Space and Technology Trials.

**Contact Details**

*Email:* educationqueries@w5online.co.uk  
*Website:* www.w5online.co.uk

**Armagh**

**Armagh Observatory and Planetarium**

Armagh Planetarium takes visitors on a flight through the Cosmos in the immersive Digital Theatre. The centre also provides a mixture of interactive and exciting workshops and exhibits to help children learn more about the world and universe around them.

**Contact Details**

*Email:* reception@armaghplanet.com  
*Website:* www.armaghplanet.com
Clare

**Aillwee Cave and Birds of Prey Centre**

Aillwee Cave offers a hands-on learning experience about life above and below the Burren’s dramatic karst landscape, how sensitive it is and how it must be protected. At the Birds of Prey Centre, students will learn about how birds of prey fly, adapt to their environment and their role in the ecosystem.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** tracy@aillweecave.ie  
**Website:** www.aillweecave.ie

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**Atlantic Air Adventures**

Aviation Discovery Tours introduce the science behind flight with workshops that encourage children to learn through their own experience. Students can test the theories with a fun hands-on, flight simulator experience, then have an interactive ‘please do touch’ tour of the aviation museum.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** info@atlanticairadventures.com  
**Website:** www.atlanticairadventures.com

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**Irish Seed Savers**

The Irish Seed Savers Association’s main objective is to conserve Ireland’s unique plant genetic resources. The Schools Programme focuses on biodiversity and nature-based education, linking in with the seasons and the curriculum, promoting school gardening, growing food, native habitats, supporting pollinators and native species.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** education@irishseedsavers.ie  
**Tel:** 061 921866/856  
**Website:** www.irishseedsavers.ie
Cork

CIT Blackrock Castle Observatory

Ireland’s fun and exciting location to learn about the universe. The centre offers CPD for teachers and workshops for students from infants to 6th year to develop their curiosity about space and increase their understanding of science. Their StarDome Planetarium can travel to schools nationwide.

Contact Details
Email: info@bco.ie
Website: www.sciencespace.ie and www.bco.ie

Doneraile Park Education Centre

The Doneraile Park Education Centre provides children with an understanding of the ecology of a parkland demesne. The activities will revolve around ecological habitats and woodland, wetlands and aquatic environments in the park.

Contact Details
Email: booking@ballyhouraoutdoorclassroom.com
Tel: 086 3825314
Website: www.doneraileie.wordpress.com

Education in Nature

Education in Nature run a range of educational courses within the stunning Manch Estate in West Cork. The primary school activities are all curriculum linked and encourage children to explore the natural world around them, including woodland, pond and river habitats.

Contact Details
Email: nikiakeeling@gmail.com
Website: www.greeneconomyfoundation.ie/education-programme
Cork

Fota Wildlife Park

Fota Wildlife Park offers DPSM registered schools a specially-created day-long option that promotes science, technology, engineering and maths. Ecology, practical woodland activities and a guided tour of the park are all included and the course counts towards schools’ Primary Science award. Available from September to April.

Contact Details
Email: education@fotawildlife.ie (Booking is essential)  Tel: 021 4812678 ext 206
Website: www.fotawildlife.ie

The Hollies Centre for Practical Sustainability

The Hollies Centre for Practical Sustainability offers a wide range of environmental education workshops which promote learning through hands-on experience and activity. The centre offers a variety of curriculum links to SESE, SPHE and PE.

Contact Details
Email: info@thehollies.ie  Tel: 023 8847001
Website: www.thehollies.ie

Lifetime Lab at Old Cork Waterworks

Lifetime Lab, located at Old Cork Waterworks contains interactive exhibitions, steam engine and boiler rooms, dedicated STEM classroom, playground and is ideal for primary STEM engagement. Schools may avail of hands-on primary science workshops, tactile primary maths workshops or a discovery tour of Cork’s Industrial Heritage.

Contact Details
Email: lifetimelab@corkcity.ie  Tel: 021 4941500
Website: www.lifetimelab.ie
Donegal

Glenveagh Education Centre

Glenveagh Education Centre is open all year round with a wide range of activity days for schools available. These include special days incorporating topics such as biodiversity, maths, sustainable development, geography, science, nature and woodlands. We can also tailor a visit to meet specific requirements.

Contact Details
Email: glenveagh-education@chg.gov.ie
Website: www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie

Dublin

Airfield Estate

Airfield Estate is a 38-acre working farm, gardens, kitchen, education and food destination. Our aim is to give people the opportunity to reconnect with the land and the food it produces. We run a number of student-centred workshops that actively engage students in hands-on learning that promotes learning about food, farming and the natural world.

Contact Details
Email: education@airfield.ie   Tel: 019696643
Website: www.airfield.ie
Dublin

**Bricks 4 Kidz Creativity Centre**

Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO® Technic workshops take place in primary schools and Creativity Centres in Dublin and Wexford and explore the principles of science, technology, engineering and maths through LEGO®. The Bricks 4 Kidz approach to learning is imaginative, multi-sensory and fun, creating a dynamic learning experience.

**Contact Details**
**Email:** dkenna@bricks4kidz.com  **Tel:** 0874491262  
**Website:** www.bricks4kidz.ie

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**Dublin Zoo**

Dublin Zoo’s state-of-the-art education facilities provide an ideal venue for students to embrace the skills and objectives of the SESE and Maths curricula. Schools can choose to learn about wildlife in Dublin Zoo, how to grow their own food or go digging for dinosaur fossils!

**Contact Details**
**Email:** education@dublinzoo.ie  **Tel:** 01 4748932  
**Website:** www.dublinzoo.ie

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**ECO-UNESCO**

ECO-UNESCO delivers workshops to schools, exploring issues regarding sustainability and development and how they affect our communities. As a result, young people become empowered, and agents of change within their school and communities.

**Contact Details**
**Email:** susie.spratt@ecounesco.ie, info@ecounesco.ie  
**Website:** www.ecounesco.ie
Dublin

Global Action Plan (GAP), Ireland

Global Action Plan (GAP) is an environmental organisation focusing on how people can take practical environmental action in their everyday lives for a more sustainable world. GAP offer hands-on school tours on the topic of garden biodiversity which takes the hunt for wildlife knowledge to the outdoors!

Contact Details
Email: info@globalactionplan.ie    Tel: 01 8832185
Website: www.globalactionplan.ie

Imaginosity

Imaginosity, Dublin children’s museum is a child-centred, creative, educational space. Imaginosity’s three floors and 18 interactive exhibits are designed to inspire learning through play with it’s design complimenting Aistear (and the NCCA Primary Curriculum) providing a space to play, and learn in, together.

Contact Details
Email: info@imaginosity.ie    Tel: 01 2176130
Website: www.imaginosity.ie

Irish National Sailing and Powerboat School

Students visiting the Irish National Sailing and Powerboat School investigate the natural environment of the seashore. The centre provides hands-on curriculum-based educational activities - from rock pooling to exploring the marine life in the local caves and harbour. Open for tours from March to October.

Contact Details
Email: sailing@inss.ie
Website: www.inss.ie
North Bull Island Interpretive Centre

North Bull Island was designated the first UNESCO biosphere reserve in the Republic of Ireland, a designation which now extends to all of Dublin Bay. The island is a scientific area of conservation and also a state nature reserve. The interpretive centre caters for groups of all ages with an interest in ecology.

Contact Details
Email: pat.corrigan@dublincity.ie
Website: www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture-dublin-city-parks-visit-park/north-bull-island-unesco

The Rediscovery Centre

The Rediscovery Centre offers a range of curriculum linked primary school workshops covering topics such as waste, energy, circuits, biodiversity, water, forces, sustainable travel, space, engineering and maths. Workshops are based on hands-on enquiry and experiential learning. In-school visits can be arranged. The centre is open Mon-Sat 9am to 5pm.

Contact Details
Email: education@rediscoverycentre.ie   Tel: 01 8933801
Website: www.rediscoverycentre.ie
Galway

An Gáirdín, Organic and Ecology Centre

An Gáirdín provides an introduction to the wonderful world of nature by taking a journey into the habitats and processes that embody Ireland’s natural heritage. Through hands-on activities, students learn about native hedgerows, energy cycles, wildlife, rainwater harvesting, organic growing, food preparation and renewable energy.

Contact Details
Email: angairdin1@gmail.com  Tel: 090 9741689
Website: www.angairdin.ie

Brigit’s Garden

Brigit’s Garden offers exciting, hands-on workshops about the natural environment and Celtic heritage. Curriculum-linked workshop themes include biodiversity, energy and global citizenship. The site includes woodlands, ponds, wild-flower meadows, Celtic gardens, a polytunnel and renewable energy installations.

Contact Details
Email: info@brigitsgarden.ie  Tel: 091 550905
Website: www.brigitsgarden.ie

Galway Atlantaquaria

Galway Atlantaquaria offers workshops which promote appreciation of science and the marine world by learning through exploration, fun and discovery. Schools can enjoy Aquarium tours, seashore fieldwork, animal anatomy, and hands-on experiments. Specialised maths and engineering workshops are also available, enabling the students to gain an early interest in STEM.

Contact Details
Email: info@nationalaquarium.ie
Website: www.nationalaquarium.ie
**Kerry**

**Crag Cave**

The Discover Centre workshop at Crag Cave encourages students to discover their inner geologist through interactive games, exploring and investigating the cave, and a paleontological dig! Students will learn about the geological history of Ireland and how it impacts the world around them.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** info@cragcave.com  **Tel:** 066 7141244  **Website:** www.cragcave.com

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**Killarney National Park**

The Killarney National Park Education Centre offers a range of curriculum-linked courses which encourage children to learn about their environment in a fun and interactive way. The activities are primarily woodland based and include pond-dipping, pooters, scavenger hunts, mammal traps and games.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** knpeducationcentre@eircom.net (booking is essential)  **Tel:** 064 6635960  **Website:** www.killarneynationalpark.ie

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**Oceanworld Aquarium**

Oceanworld Aquarium is home to hundreds of different marine species. The aquarium focuses on education, conservation and research and can bring your lessons to life with fun and interactive guided tours, hands on science experiments, games, trails, puppet shows and more.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** info@dingle-oceanworld.ie  **Tel:** 066 9152111  **Website:** www.dingle-oceanworld.ie
**Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre**

Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre offers a range of courses encouraging children to learn about biodiversity and natural heritage in a hands-on and interactive way. Students explore their environment through activities such as pond-dipping, birdwatching, pootering, game activities and mammal trapping.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** education@traleebaywetlands.org; info@traleebaywetlands.org  
**Website:** www.traleebaywetlands.org

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**Kildare**

**Irish Peatland Conservation Council, Bog of Allen Nature Centre**

This centre combines fun and active learning in a safe and supervised environment. Activities for visiting primary schools include constructing pond bug dials, a pond dipping session for mini-beasts, investigating surface tension, exploration of a peatland habitat or a creepy crawly safari.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** bogs@ipcc.ie  
**Tel:** 045 860133  
**Website:** www.ipcc.ie

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**Irish National Stud and Gardens**

The National Stud provides children with a unique environment for learning about the thoroughbred racehorse. The children also follow an environmental trail within the grounds of St. Fiachra’s Garden exploring the flora and fauna and identifying plants and animals that live in the local habitat.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** emitchell@irishnationalstud.ie  
**Website:** www.irishnationalstud.ie
Kildare

Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park

Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park offers a hands-on, fun, highly informative learning experience for primary schools to explore the world around us. The programme was designed by the late Dick Warner, environmentalist, with the aim of generating a passion for science and nature in children.

Contact Details
Email: stephen@lullymoreheritagepark.com
Website: www.lullymoreheritagepark.com

Kilkenny

Castlecomer Discovery Park

Castlecomer Discovery Park offers curriculum-linked activities focusing on investigation skills, the scientific-method, data collection and problem-solving. Students explore past and present environments and lifeforms through nature connection, nature trails, scavenger hunts, bug collections, pond-dipping, maths trails and a coal-mining and fossil museum.

Contact Details
Email: educationofficer@discoverypark.ie   Tel: 056 4440707
Website: www.discoverypark.ie

The National Reptile Zoo

The National Reptile Zoo introduces children to a range of reptile species and provides an opportunity for inquiring minds to learn about characteristics, diet, habitat and conservation status. Children are invited to handle some species and complete a guided discovery trail around the Zoo to observe and record reptile behaviour.

Contact Details
Email: info@nationalreptilezoo.ie   Tel: 0567726757
Website: www.nationalreptilezoo.ie
Laois

**Laois Outdoor Education at Emo Court**

The primary science workshop offers schools an opportunity to explore Emo Court house and gardens and the abundant natural and cultural heritage of the site. Children take part in a habitat study and are encouraged to identify trees, wildflowers and to explore wildlife in Emo’s parkland.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** info@laoisoutdooreducation.ie  
**Tel:** 087 7741846  
**Website:** www.laoisoutdooreducation.ie

Leitrim

**Leitrim Organic Centre**

The Organic Centre offers schools a fun-filled environmental programme for all ages. Workshops cover a range of topics including local food production, pond dipping, native tree and wildflower identification, seed saving, environmental crafts, soil examination, minibeast hunts and food webs.

**Contact Details**

**Email:** info@theorganiccentre.ie  
**Website:** www.theorganiccentre.ie
Ballyhoura Outdoor Classroom, Griston Bog

Ballyhoura Outdoor Classrooms are unique, inspiring places provided by Ballyhoura Heritage and Environment CLG, to be part of local school’s learning environment. Griston Bog is especially designed for outdoor activities in Science and Maths. We offer tours to allow you to get close to nature and history through exciting activities!

Contact Details
Email: reception@ballyhoura.org  Tel: 063 91300
Website: www.ballyhouraoutdoorclassroom.com

Croker’s Bee Farm

Croker’s Bee farm provides a hands-on, interactive workshop on bees. A dedicated classroom allows students to participate and explore further the amazing life and work of the honey bee as well as the many varieties of bumble bee.

Contact Details
Email: eoin.grisewood@me.com

Lough Gur Heritage Centre

Lough Gur is one of Ireland’s most important archaeological and historic sites. The primary school programme will introduce children to the wonders of astronomy, archaeology and environmental heritage through various pre-approved DPSM activities.

Contact Details
Email: kate@loughgur.com  Website: www.loughgur.com
**Longford**

**Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre**

Rooted in history and mythology, Ardagh Heritage and Creativity Centre provides active learning experiences. The DPSM programmes integrate visual art with science and maths. Explore the natural heritage of the garden or be inspired by light and colour before creating in the art room.

**Contact Details**
**Email:** creativeardagh@gmail.com  
**Website:** www.creativeardagh.blogspot.ie

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**Mayo**

**Ballycroy National Park Visitor Centre**

Ballycroy National Park and Wild Nephin comprises 15,000 hectares of rugged mountains, lakes and expansive blanket bog. The Visitor Centre houses an interactive exhibition on National Park habitats. Other facilities include a dedicated classroom for education programmes, and a nature trail with dipping pond.

**Contact Details**
**Email:** margaret.flaherty@chg.gov.ie  
**Website:** www.ballycroynationalpark.ie

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**National Museum of Ireland - Country Life**

The Country Life Museum tells the story of ordinary people living in rural Ireland from 1850 to 1950. Their DPSM activities focus on ‘science in everyday life’ through tours and hands-on workshops. Topics include clothing, food and seasonal change.

**Contact Details**
**Email:** educationtph@museum.ie  
**Tel:** 094 9031751  
**Website:** www.museum.ie/Country-Life
**Monaghan**

**Ballybay Wetlands Centre**

Students can explore a variety of habitats and ecosystems at Ballybay Wetlands Centre. Fun interactive activities include pond dipping, food chains, invertebrate identification and water quality assessment. On the nature trail children can carry out plant surveys and explore groundwater sources.

**Contact Details**
**Email:** info@ballybaywetlands.ie  
**Website:** www.ballybaywetlands.ie

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**Offaly**

**Birr Castle Gardens and Science Centre**

Children can explore the Science Centre, learn about the creation of the world’s largest telescope built in 1845 and so many more engineering and scientific feats. Birr Castle Demense is an extraordinary place created over generations and remains an environmental and scientific time capsule.

**Contact Details**
**Email:** education@birrcastle.com  
**Tel:** 057 9120336  
**Website:** www.birrcastle.com

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**Clara Bog Visitor Centre**

Clara Bog Visitor Centre provides a platform for visitors to discover the relevance of raised bogs to our understanding of history, a unique biodiversity and vital ecosystem services. The tour includes a range of interactive curriculum-linked activities including bog detective games and a nature walk.

**Contact Details**
**Email:** claraguides@chg.gov.ie  
**Website:** www.npws.ie/nature-reserves/offaly
Roscommon

Arigna Mining Experience

Visiting the Arigna Mining Experience provides an opportunity to explore the science and engineering of the site, the heritage and geology of the area and the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. We offer a unique insight into the work of miners, and all tours are guided by ex-miners.

Contact Details
Email: tours@arignaminingexperience.ie  Tel: 071 9646466
Website: www.arignaminingexperience.ie

Tipperary

Cabragh Wetlands

At Cabragh Wetlands, children are given the chance to discover their natural heritage in a pristine, multi-habitat natural environment. The well-equipped interpretive centre, experienced education team and unique set of wetland habitats make this visit a worthwhile and rewarding experience.

Contact Details
Email: cabraghwetlands@eircom.net
Website: www.cabraghwetlands.ie

Cloncannon Biofarm

Cloncannon Biofarm offers students the opportunity to recognise ‘science and maths all around me’ on the organic farm. The curriculum related activities also inspire the students’ curiosity in the subjects of history, geography, growing healthy organic food and wildlife gardening.

Contact Details
Email: ofarrejf@tcd.ie  Tel: 087 9227957
Website: www.cloncannonbiofarm.com
Tipperary

Mitchelstown Cave 48

At Mitchelstown Cave students will receive a tour of the caves and witness dripstone formations, stalagmites, stalactites and huge calcite columns. They will learn about earth science, the chemistry of cave formation, fossils and the cave ecosystem through hands-on activities.

Contact Details
Email: mitchelstowncave@gmail.com
Website: www.mitchelstowncave.com

WeCreate Fab Lab 49

WeCreate is a unique technology and creative workspace located in the Cloughjordan Ecovillage. In their Fab Lab, students can use digital fabrication tools, such as 3D printers and laser cutters, and participate in activities and hands-on projects to investigate a range of themes in the Science and Maths curricula.

Contact Details
Email: devyn@wecreate.ie   Tel: 0505 56062
Website: www.wecreate.ie/dpsm
Waterford

Kilbarry Nature Park

The nature park provides an ideal opportunity to explore nature and biodiversity within Waterford City. It encompasses an integrated wetland, wildflower meadows, Kilbarry Bog and all this on a remediated landfill! What better place to talk about waste, wildlife and habitats in one outing!

Contact Details
Email: eryan@waterfordcouncil.ie
Website: www.waterfordcouncil.ie

Lismore Heritage Centre

Lismore Heritage Centre holds STEM-based workshops and camps for local children. They also offer Mobile Science Workshops for schools about these super scientific topics: Guts of Digestion, Chemistry Kids, Shocking Science, Crime Scene Investigation and Astronaut University.

Contact Details
Email: rleddy@lismoreheritage.ie
Website: www.discoverlismore.com

Oceanics Surf School and Marine Education Centre

The Oceanics primary school programmes encourage children to explore the sea shore environment in a fun and hands-on interactive way. Students can partake in water-based surfing activities and land-based activities including rockpool exploration, beach eco-hike, field studies or beachcombing.

Contact Details
Email: info@oceanics.ie
Website: www.oceanics.ie
Westmeath

Dún na Sí Amenity and Heritage Park

Dún na Sí Amenity and Heritage Park contains one of the few turloughs east of the River Shannon. The workshop engages students about the geology of turloughs through hands-on activities including pond-dipping, using microscopes, designing and making, and a little bit of chemistry!

Contact Details
Email: dunnasimoate@eircom.net
Website: www.dunnasi.ie

Wexford

Seal Rescue Ireland

Seal Rescue Ireland is a rescue and rehabilitation facility which cares for Ireland’s injured seal pups. Through observation, discussion, and hands-on activities students will see the human impact on the natural world and learn how they can do their part to take care of the environment.

Contact Details
Email: sealrescueirelandeducation@gmail.com
Website: www.sealrescueireland.org

Secret Valley Wildlife Park

Secret Valley Wildlife Park offers education in a fun and hands-on way through exploration and discovery. All activities are age specific leaving the student with an unforgettable experience. Topics covered include the food chain, wildlife habitats and animal adaptations.

Contact Details
Email: info@secretvalley.ie
Website: www.secretvalley.ie
Wexford Wildfowl Reserve

Wexford Wildfowl Reserve offers activities for primary schools including field studies at the Snipe Field and at Raven Wood Nature Reserve. These include pond dipping, bug hunting and tracking for red squirrel. Students can study our winter visitor, the Greenland White-fronted Goose, learn about birds and watch from our tower.

Contact Details
Email: wwweducation@chg.gov.ie
Website: www.wexfordwildfowlreserve.ie

Wicklow

Cool Planet Experience

The Cool Planet experience offers an immersive, interactive exhibition and STEM workshop programme. A combination of inquiry-based activities and technology result in a dynamic learning experience for participants. Join us in the lab to ignite 21st century problem solvers who see themselves being the innovators and change agents of tomorrow.

Contact Details
Email: info@coolplanet.ie  Tel: 01-5180197
Website: www.coolplanetexperience.org
**Wicklow**

**Kippure Estate Education Centre**

Kippure Estate Education Centre offers outdoor experiential learning in geography and ecology field studies, team building and outdoor activity. Younger students enjoy themed nature trips on pirates or Celtic warriors where they build, investigate and experiment at a level appropriate to their age.

**Contact Details**  
**Email:** eco@kippure.com  
**Website:** www.adventurewicklow.com

**National Sealife Centre**

The National Sealife Centre allows pupils to carry out curriculum-linked marine-based experiments to gain a greater understanding of our oceans and the array of life living in them. Students then explore the aquarium, making amazing discoveries while searching for answers for their worksheets.

**Contact Details**  
**Email:** slcbray@merlinentertainments.biz  
**Website:** www.sealife.ie
SFI Discover Primary Science and Maths Programme

The SFI Discover Primary Science and Maths Programme (DPSM) is part of Science Foundation Ireland’s Education and Public Engagement Programme, which aims to increase interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) among students, teachers and members of the public. DPSM originated in 2003 with the aim of introducing primary school students to science in a practical, hands-on, enjoyable and interactive way. Since 2010 the programme has been run in conjunction with the European Space Education Resource Office (ESERO) Ireland which uses space to inspire and engage young people in science and technology in the world around them.

The programme offers:

- **SFI Discover Science and Maths Awards**
- **Continuous Professional Development Workshops and Summer Courses for teachers**
- **A Framework for Inquiry Based Science Education**
- **Classroom activities, resources and quarterly e-newsletters**

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The SFI Discover Science and Maths Award

The SFI Discover Science and Maths Award is a unique way for your school to gain recognition for STEM work. Principals tell us that the Award is a great way of involving everyone in STEM in the school. Each year over 600 primary schools across Ireland receive the SFI Discover Science and Maths award recognising their achievements in STEM. There are two levels of Award, so whether you are starting out or have already achieved an Award, there will be one to suit you.

Reported benefits of participating in the Award include:

- An overall increase in school science activities
- Increased engagement with science by students
- Increased awareness of science activities in the school amongst parents
- A stronger sense of team-spirit amongst teachers

Register now at www.primaryscience.ie, where you’ll find full details and lots of resources and support
This initiative supports Pillar 3 of the STEM Education Policy Statement by providing opportunities for all learners to participate in STEM education through informal, co-curricular and extra-curricular programmes.