

Festival of Professional Learning



'Exploring the opportunities and possibilities of woodturning in the classroom'

Attendees will gain insights into the planning for, and integration of woodturning as a craft skill in the classroom. Opportunities to engage with aspects of wood science through woodturning will also be explored. The webinar will also feature demonstrations on effective woodturning techniques with popular woodturner Willie Creighton.

[Register here!](#)



In the news

We are always on the lookout for news articles, videos, and websites which may be of interest to you and your students. The links below may provide a lead into some interesting learner experiences around the following learning outcomes:

- 1.11 investigate the environmental impacts of using wood as a natural and renewable resource
- 3.10 appreciate the role of forestation and wood in terms of local/global ecology and sustainability
- 3.11 investigate the journey of wood from forest to end use



Eco Eye - Forestry

Analysing the role that forests play in regulating our climate and how they can provide a pathway to a more sustainable society.



Nanocellulose Technology

Harnessing the microscopic building blocks of wood to design materials for green infrastructure.



The Forest Supply Chain

Exploring how sustainably managed forests can provide a climate solution.

Podcast with Eoin Reardon



JCt4 were delighted to recently record a podcast with Eoin Reardon, famous for his videos of hand tool restoration and traditional woodworking skills.

Eoin is based in Cork. Currently, he has 2.3 million followers on TikTok, and 241k subscribers on his YouTube channel. Eoin has a passion for traditional hand tools and restoration projects. Through his social media platforms Eoin strives to encourage young people to take up the craft of woodworking. During the podcast, Eoin discusses his love for hand-crafting with wood, the importance of keeping the craft alive, the power of social media and shares some advice for students in Junior Cycle. The podcast will be available on our Hands-On playlist on the [Junior Cycle Talks](#) podcast channel shortly.

Useful resources

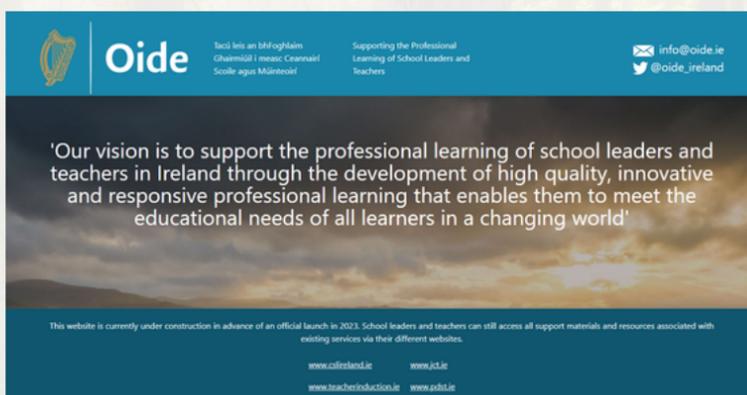
We would like to thank all of the Wood Technology teachers who have joined us on our online CPD workshops this year. During the workshop we engaged with a video resource named "Daniel Gill - A Journey with Wood". In this video Daniel, a furniture maker from the west of Ireland, discusses his approach to sourcing, converting, seasoning and using wood in a sustainable way. To promote active learning in our classroom a series of activity cards were also developed and shared with teachers. These resources can be accessed by clicking on the images below.



Key Updates

On the 1st of September 2023, a newly integrated support service named Oide will be established. Currently, there are four individual teacher education support services that provide a wide range of ongoing supports to primary, post-primary and special schools, including professional learning events for school leaders and teachers.

These are the: Centre for School Leadership (CSL), Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT), National Induction Programme for Teachers (NIPT), Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). You can access the Oide website [here](#) and/or follow Oide on [twitter](#).



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