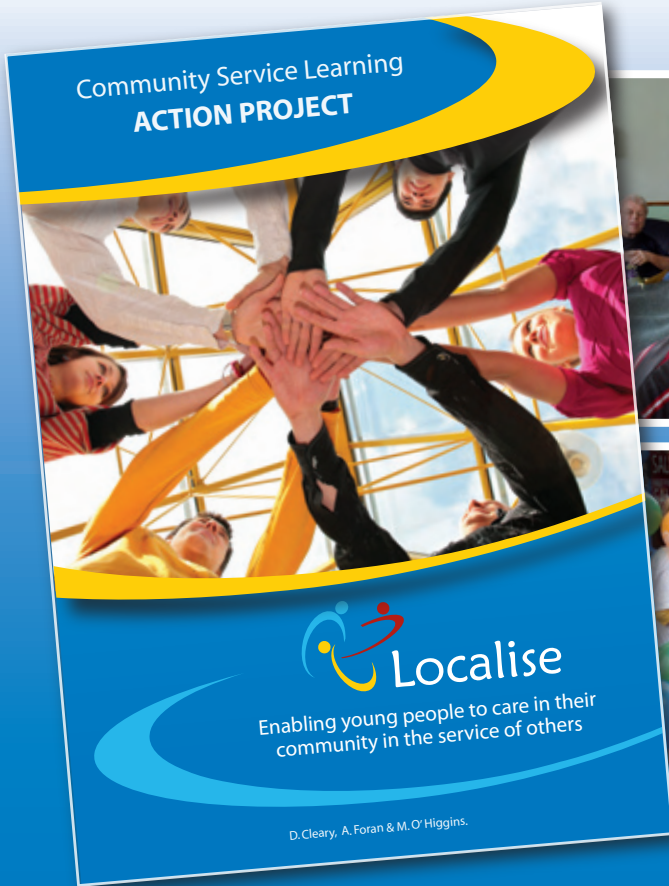


Community Service Learning In Your School

FROM YOUR CLASS TO YOUR COMMUNITY



Localise

Delivering Service Learning
Through Caring in the Community

“Localise is Ireland’s first Community Service Learning Schools Programme”

Localise Community Service Learning is a method of connecting classroom lessons with meaningful service to the community. The Localise programme can be applied across a variety of subjects from secondary school through to third level.

For example; a group of first year secondary school pupils studying CSPE may visit and tidy their local elderly day care centre as part of their action project; engineering university students may use their skills and expertise to design and renovate the local homeless centre. Whatever the focus, Localise Community Service Learning benefits the school, the community and the students.

“Two things I liked about Localise are getting involved in the community and when we gave the gifts to the senior citizens they were all very happy” – Jenny Smith, Secondary School pupil -

“The Localise programme looks to your students for ideas and to your community for resources and makes the connection. It was ideal for our CSPE action report” – Nuala Sheridan, Secondary School Teacher -

“The eyes of the elderly people lit up when the young students came into the centre. It was great to see the boys and girls making tea and listening to the old people” –Bernie Pearce, Elderly Day care Centre Manager-



In the present economic climate, the Localise Community Service Learning Programme can provide a practical solution to local community needs - Students will ask the question “*how can we be of service?*” and their communities will provide the answers.

By September 2009, the Localise Community Service Learning Programme will be launched in a number of schools in Dublin and throughout the country. We aim to be in every school in Ireland by the end of 2012.

Ireland has the potential to become a “centre of excellence” in developing meaningful and engaging Community Service Learning programmes within Europe

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