

**Collaboration between Marino Institute of Education and the University of Ulster in regard to assisting prospective candidates in Northern Ireland and border regions who wish to undertake the Irish language Requirement (S.C.G./O.C.G.) for Primary School Teachers.**

Marino Institute of Education and the University of Ulster have agreed to collaborate to assist and support candidates in the north of Ireland and border regions wishing to undertake the Irish Language Requirement (S.C.G./O.C.G.).

The level of cooperation will take the form of an informal collaboration between the University of Ulster and Marino Institute of Education to assist candidates from the north of Ireland and the border regions who register for the Irish Language Requirement (S.C.G./O.C.G.) with Marino Institute of Education, which should assist them to reach the required level of proficiency required by the Teaching Council of Ireland. The University of Ulster proposes to provide a preparatory course within the framework of its *ab initio* Diploma in Irish Language.

Candidates who choose to be prepared for the Irish Language Requirement (S.C.G./O.C.G.) by means of the Diploma in Irish Language at the University of Ulster will have the added advantage of having gained a stand-alone qualification in addition to preparation for the Irish Language Requirement (S.C.G./O.C.G.).

Candidates who register with the University of Ulster for the Diploma in Irish Language programme will be made aware of the informal arrangement and collaboration which exists between the University of Ulster and Marino Institute of Education. Should University of Ulster, Diploma in Irish Language candidates decide to register with the Teaching Council of Ireland and Marino Institute of Education, they will have the opportunity of availing of the preparatory course being delivered by the University of Ulster.

Both Marino Institute of Education and the University of Ulster will promote the initiative in promotional literature, brochures etc.

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