

Empowering Schools in Ireland

Unlocking Student Potential with the WhyTry Programme

The WhyTry Programme has been a valuable resource for schools worldwide, including in Ireland, where it has been used for over a decade, in partnership with the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) to engage students and address behavioural challenges, especially children and young people at risk of early school leaving and school refusal. WhyTry is a flexible toolkit designed to help students build resilience, improve emotional well-being, and develop essential life skills. It is tailored to meet the diverse challenges of disadvantaged schools.



Practical Solutions for **Engaging Students**

The WhyTry Programme offers flexible options to help school completion motivate students at risk of early school refusal. Whether working with entire classrooms, small groups, or individual students, WhyTry provides engaging and practical strategies that resonate with young people.



- Universal Interventions: Deliver the full WhyTry curriculum to whole classrooms with interactive lessons that teach essential skills like emotional regulation, decision-making, intrinsic motivation, and valuing hard work.
- Small Group Work: Support smaller groups in settings such as breakfast or lunch clubs. WhyTry's engaging analogies and activities help build connections and encourage participation in a more intimate environment.
- One-on-One Interventions: Provide personalised support for students facing significant challenges like school refusal. The WhyTry materials can be adapted to individual needs, offering strategies that can be applied both in school and at home.

The WhyTry Program A Comprehensive Approach to Resilience



The WhyTry Approach focuses on building relationships and creating relevance in learning. By emphasising these core principles, educators can **address the root causes of disengagement** and empower students to succeed. WhyTry equips staff with tools to foster hope, self-efficacy, and a resilient mindset in students.

Upcoming Events: Learn How WhyTry Can Support Your Schools

Free Webinar - WhyTry and School Completion Programme

When: 16th January 2025 at 3:30 pm

Where: Online

Join us for an introductory webinar to explore how WhyTry can help your schools address early school refusal and student disengagement. This session will provide an overview of the program and its flexibility for universal, small group, and one-to-one interventions.

register at: whytry.org/scp



Virtual WhyTry Introductory Training

When: 4th–5th February 2025 (1:00 - 4:00 pm)

Where: Online

Cost: €500 (\$520) (special discounted price offered through SCP)

This two-day virtual training is an opportunity for school completion staff to gain a deeper understanding of the WhyTry Approach. Participants will receive comprehensive instruction on using the WhyTry Programme and its toolkit, including a personal license to access all program materials.

The WhyTry is committed to supporting School Completion Programmes in Ireland by providing practical and adaptable solutions to engage students and address educational challenges. Don't miss this chance to discover how WhyTry can transform outcomes for your students.