<u>**Cooperation is Cool non Prescriptive Guidelines**</u>
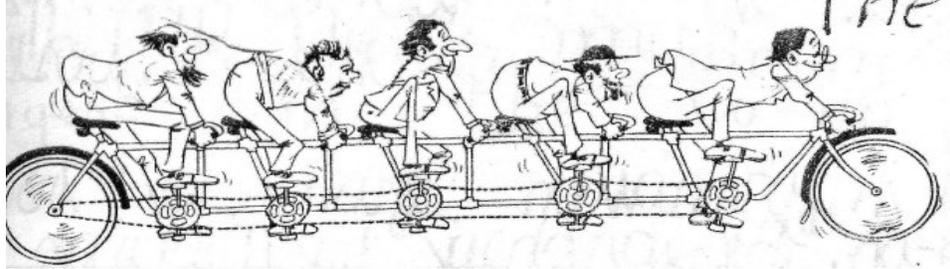A Cooperative project for the
 21st Century
Cooperation is a Cycle of Development

Introduction
●SponsorsGlanbia , Laois Education Centre,Leader, NIS
●Project Guidelines

Suggested Project Themes

Please note: **Any Class/Group Project which involves Cooperation among pupils would be a valid project theme**

Categories (There are three)
Category 1. Project on Co-operation
The following are possible themes:
The Co-operative Movement
The GAA
Local Sports Clubs
Local Tidy Towns
Comhaltas Ceoltóir Eireann
Collecting Local History
The Local Band
Co-operation to help people with disabilities
Future co-operation projects
Any project which involves Co-operation by the students
Category 2.
Project specifically on Donaghmore or a local associated Co-op.
Category 3.
Transition Year Project— Mini company.
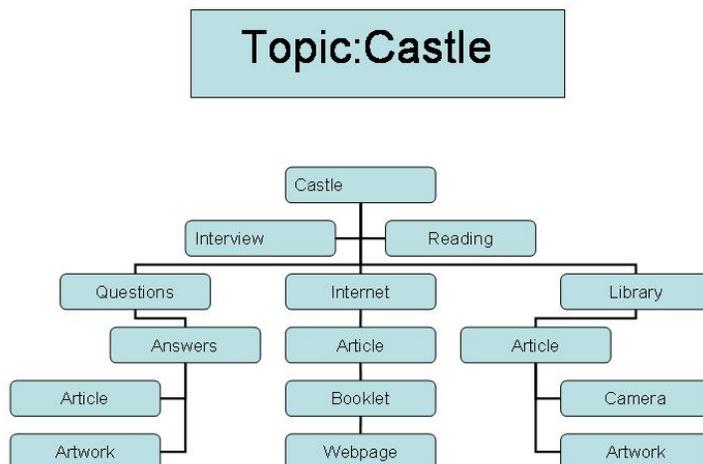**Valid Projects submitted in last two years included :**

1. A Credit Union set up in a primary school
2. Local History of Croghan.
3.Clear as a Mountain Stream(group water scheme)
4.Cooperation in Our School.
5. Có-oibriú sa Scoil
6.The Quakers in Mountmellick

7.Cooperation in Our Grandparents' Time
8.Cooperation is Cool in Seir Kierans-Fundraising
9.Green school
10.The Cooperation 'Three'
11.Cooperation through the Ages
12. Intercultural Co-operation
13.St.Francis'School -Camera Use
14.My own place
15.Seoige
16.Hot Dates and Cakes
17.Just to Say
18.Exploring Our Heritage
19.Demonstration of Cooperation

General Pedagogic Guidelines.
•**Students involved in Project should work as a cooperative team.**
•**Students/Teachers should then have discussion on the themes/topics of their project.**
•**Then the topic/theme could be shared among the pupils involved .**
•**When each student has his/her topic each student should then be allotted tasks.**
•**When there is a clear understanding of the project and its parts the teacher in consultation with the students could prepare a task sheet and worksheets.Alternatively these worksheets might be prepared but be non prescriptive.**
•**Research and research techniques are very important .The research might just be reading but it should be added to by *interviews with people who have experience of the Cooperative movement.***

Topic:Castle

Some Principles
●Students should have ownership of the project.
●The work should be students' own work.
●Insofar as is possible the artwork ,and camera work should be by the students themselves
●Teamwork and Cooperation should be emphasised

Technical Guidelines
●**Internet Guidelines(ICT)**
●**Internet Guidelines(safety and ethical)**
●**Digital camera**
●**Scanners**
●**Web design &Authoring**

Possible Steps in a project using ICT

Emphasise the importance of off computer work.

●Ø   **Deciding on Subject for Project(depends on Class etc).**
●Ø   **Deciding on subtopics….perhaps one per pupil.**
●Ø   **Teacher preparation workcards ,books from library,suitable software etc.**
●Ø   **Research by pupils….reading from books,CDs , Internet ,interviews etc.**
●Ø   **Artwork by pupils , on and off computer ,scanning, using digital camera etc.**
●Ø   **Craft work by pupils.(Artwork on local creamery maybe based on photo etc)**
●Ø   **Writing by pupils ,creative ,factual, reporting,observing, long/short articles , draft and redraft, make synopsis, proofreading .**
●Øinterview local people
●   **Design of project by teacher/students.**
●Ø   **Do project on Computer.Authoring package/Website Text/Pictures/Sounds/Buttons maybe animation/video.**
●Ø   **Present project on computer and on paper.**
●Ø   **Print, copy,collate and publish booklet.**
●Ø   **Publish project or a Report of project on the WWW. This aspect should be emphasised because of the importance of the student realising that his/her work could be for a worldwide audience.**
●Ø   **Have an open day to show all projects.**

Resources Pack
●**1.The Book T.Fennelly**
●**2.Archive material (copies of Photos,letters,documents etc.)**
●**3. Local People from Cooperative Movement**
●**4.NCTE printed materials.**
●**Tutorial on Netscape and Hyperstudio :**
●**5.Web based resources……..some archive material, photos,etc.Are uploaded to Education Centre Website.**
●**6.Worksheets based on archives,book, cooperation.**

- **7.Personnel: Project Steering Committee, trainers etc.**
- **8.Useful Weblinks**
- **9 Resource CD**

<u>Training for schools</u>
(non prescriptive
- School based Education Centre

- 1.Launch of Project
- 2.How to put up a school website
- 3.Authoring training.
- 4.Help with ICT, digital cameras etc.

<u>Project Outcomes</u>
- ·   Exhibition (Student fair) (School and wider)
- ·   Website
- ·   Booklets(Write a Book Project Linkup)
- ·   Enhancement of Local cultures and values
- ·   Websites linked to Education Centre Website ,Glanbia ,Agriaware etc.
- ·   Prizes   Glanbia Shield
- New Cooperation logo/picture/photo.