

Judging criteria

1. The competitive elements of the project should not be overemphasised.
2. The educational value of the project would be more important than the technical aspect.
3. The aim of this project is to promote awareness of Cooperation and how it works around us in the 21st century aided by modern technology ,projects can be on any theme and can be adapted to meet the criteria of Cooperation is Cool which is mainly :
 - Evidence of Cooperation throughout the project.
 - Evidence of the use of ICT throughout the project
4. As this is the 10th year of the project ,the committee are offering a special prize for projects which deal specifically with the Cooperative Movement. Projects could include : the cooperative movement ,future of cooperatives, how the cooperative movement can generate local community and local business development in the future. There are many cooperatives in our locality such as Credit Unions , Sports Clubs , Group water schemes etc.
5. The project would be displayed in the Laois Education Centre in February 2013 on Thursday February 28th. 4.00pm to 7.30pm
6. The judging would be done based on this display , which could include posters , craftwork , written work , computer work etc)
7. There will be a special section for special schools.
8. Judges should take the local environment into account.(Access to technology ,special children , age levels)
9. Inclusion of website would be a plus. (It doesn't have to be online.It could be added to Education Centre 's website later.)
10. Percentage of work actually done by pupils would be important.
11. Pupils' own description of project to judges on exhibition day would be important.
12. A strict numerical marking system should not be used.

Presentation Rules

1. Each project will have 2 tables of desk space for computers, peripherals etc. Tables 2 x 4 feet. (This may change depending on number of projects)
 2. Each project will have access to 2 electrical points. If you need more then you should bring a multi-plug.
 3. Each project will be permitted to have a maximum of 8 students and 3 teachers. Other pupils, parents and others will be welcome from 4.30pm
 4. If you wish to have a vertical display you need to bring display boards. No display will be permitted on the walls.
 5. The Education Centre will be open to project teams from projects that day to set up (Thursday)
 6. The public will be admitted from 4.30pm.
 7. The judges will be present from 4.30pm.
 8. While the judges are present each project team should have representatives (especially pupils) at its own project.
 9. Awards will be presented at 7.00pm.
- Note: These times may be changed slightly. If they are schools will be notified