



June 2023

Dear school management and Sustainability leading teachers!

We would like to share with you information about a peer-learning event in Kinsale, Ireland, organised by the European Commission and where InterParents' Sustainability WG lead Ally Micklem participated.

The theme for the peer learning days was 'partnerships' for Sustainability and attached are videos which capture some of the main themes discussed.

The host school in Kinsale kindly produced this <u>short video summary</u> of the event (1min) – which highlights how much of a central role the students should have in sustainability education.

The Irish Erasmus+ national agency has recorded a <u>13' video presentation for us on how the Erasmus+ programme funds</u> **partnerships and collaboration on sustainability**. The video describes how schools, NGOs and other education players can apply for

- (i) small scale partnerships
- (ii) larger co-operation partnerships and/or
- (iii) periods abroad for staff and students.

Erasmus+ now has a dedicated team (based in Bordeaux) to further boost the green/sustainability dimension of the programme – this new office, established in March this year, will be running training courses and offering supports to Erasmus+ national agencies and beneficiaries. See a short presentation on their role and set-up (click on the pink plus sign to move through the presentation).

We are also proud to share this <u>new 5' video on parental involvement in school sustainability</u> which was again organised by the Commission and has been translated into 29 languages! Parents are very happy to have been given the chance to speak out on this issue.

Finally, InterParents Sustainability WG lead, Ally Micklem was invited to be a last-minute panellist during the event in Kinsale. She went along thinking she could represent the views of Parents but came away struck by how interested people were in connecting Parents with schools in order to work together on a more sustainable future for our children. As soon as PPT presentation is ready, it will be shared with everyone interested.

Hoping to continue working together towards sustainable school!

AMPA Management Committee Sustainability WG