

**Applications to book your class on the Explorers Education Programme™ 2025-2026 are now open to teachers and their classes.**

The award-winning Explorers Education Programme™ brings our oceans to life for primary level students through participation in a variety of specially designed modules. Each module usually involves two class visits by an Explorers Officer, who will introduce students to the topic, provide teaching guides and fun, engaging cross-curricular lesson plans that support the NCCA curriculum through thematic learning. Students will be challenged to complete a small project inspired by the first visit.

Teachers may apply for **one** of the following exciting interactive modules:

- [Explorers Aquarium in the Classroom](#)
- [Explorers Marine Class Project](#)
- [Explorers Seashore Safari](#)
- [Explorers Healthy Ocean School Project](#)

The Explorers Education Programme™ is supported by the Marine Institute, and is funded under the Marine Research Programme by the Irish Government.

#### **APPLYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPLORERS EDUCATION PROGRAMME™:**

- Teachers must complete the Explorers Education Programme™ application form below.
- Teachers should indicate their preference of modules and term time. While the Explorers team aspires to visit all classes, spaces are limited and there is no guarantee that the teacher's first preference will be successful – alternatives may be offered where possible.
- Where multiple applications are received from one school, the Explorers team may not be able to accommodate all classes. If you are in a larger school, and would like more of your students to participate in the Explorers Education Programme™, be sure to select the Explorers Healthy Ocean School Project.
- Teachers participating in the programme will be required to take part in an information session prior to the commencement of the programme to assist with preparing for the modules in class. Teachers will be asked to partake and assist with an evaluation of the Explorers Education Programme™ including pre- and post-evaluations of the student's ocean literacy knowledge, collecting images of work samples and providing feedback.
- Explorers Education Programme™ social media channels @Explorersedu on Twitter and @ExplorersMarineEducation on Facebook are used to like and share Explorers activities and events. Teachers and schools are encouraged to like and share where possible.

If you have any queries relating to the Explorers Education Programme™, please don't hesitate to contact David McCann, Explorers Officer for Donegal ([daviddivermccann@gmail.com](mailto:daviddivermccann@gmail.com), 089 258 1270).

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| Seoladh/Address:                                                                                                                  |     |    |
| Fón Póca/Mobile no *:                                                                                                             |     |    |
| Email:                                                                                                                            |     |    |
| Class range/Classes:                                                                                                              |     |    |
| Number of students in class (Maximum 30):                                                                                         |     |    |
| Number of teachers/SNAs in class:                                                                                                 |     |    |
| Have you taken part in the programme before, and if yes, which module did you take part in?                                       |     |    |
| Have you taken part in an Explorers Teacher training course before?                                                               |     |    |
| Please provide details of the school social media platforms if applicable                                                         |     |    |
| Please confirm if you are happy to assist with the evaluation of the Explorers Education Programmes (please circle your response) | Yes | No |

\* Please provide a direct email and mobile number at which you can be contacted relating to your Explorers application. Please indicate if it is suitable to call during school hours.

Please indicate which module you wish to apply for - stating your preference and which school term would best suit your class. Please rate in order of preference – **1 being the most desirable, 4 been the least.**

| Module                                 | Interest (preference) | School Term (1, 2 or 3) |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Explorers Aquarium in the Classroom    |                       |                         |
| Explorers Marine Class Project         |                       |                         |
| Explorers Seashore Safari              |                       |                         |
| Explorers Healthy Ocean School Project |                       |                         |

Teachers who are offered a place on the programme will also be asked to take part in an information call about their selected module prior to the commencement of the programme. These sessions will be carried out online.

Please indicate three reasons why your class should be considered for inclusion in the Explorers Education Programme™, highlighting the benefits of learning about our ocean:

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Please indicate three benefits that your school will accrue through your class involvement in the Explorers Education Programme™:

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Please return the application form, together with any additional information you wish to include. **Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis.**

Siniú/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dáta/Date: \_\_\_\_\_