

22nd September 2017

**Re: Primary Schools Debating Competition**

Dear Principal,

Over the past number of years, Schools in the Sligo Education Centre catchment area have taken part in the Primary Debating Ireland National Project. Feedback has been extremely positive. Participants will compete with other schools on a league basis culminating with a local winner. The Local winners will go forward to a Regional competition.

This is an extremely worthwhile project and I would encourage you to consider participating. ***Schools wishing to participate in the debating project should complete the attached application form and return to Sligo Education Centre on or before Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.***

Training will be provided for teachers by Concern Ireland Personnel on the **19<sup>th</sup> October** here in the Education Centre at **4.30p.m**. An earlier session at **2.30p.m** will be provided for **adjudicators**. It is important that all participating teachers attend the teacher training workshop where all the main areas in debating will be discussed. The changes to the handbook will also be discussed. Ideally, we would like all schools to nominate an adjudicator to attend the adjudicators training workshop (see attached flyer re the training).

This year we will run two concurrent competitions - a cup and a shield, details of which will be outlined at the Teacher Training.

Schools are guaranteed a minimum of two debates, training will also be provided for the student teams this year also.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or Angela.

Yours sincerely,

Mary