

## Aistear Induction Award for Early Years Settings

On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Parnell's GAA club hosted the final session of Preparing for Life's early years induction programme. The induction programme, based on [Aistear](#) the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2009), used a combination of practitioner training and mentor support to promote quality teaching and positive outcomes for pre-school children.

Teams from eight early years settings, New Life Kids, Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare Service (Jigsaw), Moatview Early Education Centre, St. Francis Community Playgroup, Bonnybrook Community Crèche, Doras Buí Parents Alone Resource Centre, Bunratty Community Childcare Centre and Kilmore West Community Playgroup took part. As part of the programme each team became familiar with Aistear's Themes and learning goals, explored and developed their curriculum and created a *Curriculum Statement*.

The curriculum statement is a short description explaining **what** the setting supports children to learn, **how** the setting supports this learning and the vision behind the service delivery. Each setting's curriculum statement was made into a large poster, distributed on the night, which can be hung in each setting to make children's learning visible.



Participants from Moatview Early Education Centre, Priorswood. L-R Sandra O'Neill (Early Years Quality Mentor, Preparing for Life), Yuk-kuen Cheung, Anna Kearns and Lisa Mc Mahon.



Participants from Doras Buí. L-R Sandra O'Neill (Early Years Quality Mentor, Preparing for Life), Jade Mahon, Tanya Ennis, Anita Andrews, Sinead Griffin, Anne Quigley, Louise McGuirk, Rachel Ivie and Deirdre Buckley



Participants attending the final induction programme workshop in Parnells GAA club in Coolock.