

## Language for Life showcased at Dublin Castle

Participants from our *Language for Life* programme showcased their work at the Early Years Education Forum in Dublin Castle on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The event, hosted by the Early Years Education Policy Unit (Department of Education and Skills) included a keynote address from Professor Paul Leleman from Utrecht University in the Netherlands, and presentations from Minister for Education, Jan O’Sullivan, and Dr. Harold Hislop, Chief Inspector with the Department of Education and Skills.

Educators from Moatview Early Years Education Centre and Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare Service (Jigsaw) accompanied Preparing for Life’s Early Years Team to present their work as part of the Síolta showcase in the Printworks main hall. Displays from over 20 projects featuring pioneering and inventive early years practice from all over Ireland were viewed throughout the day. Minister for Education, Jan O’Sullivan, met with many of the presenters and discussed the vital role of early years practice before addressing the attendees.



From L-R: Jeni Moore, Deputy Manager (Jigsaw), Sandra O’Neill, Preparing for Life Early Years Mentor, Siobhan Cregan (Jigsaw), Triona Rooney, PFL Speech and Language therapist, Anna Kearns (Moatview Early Education) and Lisa Mc Mahon (Moatview Early Education)



Emma Byrne Mac Namee, PFL Early Years Programme Manager and Lisa Mc Mahon, Manager of Moatview Early Education Centre meeting with Minister Jan O'Sullivan.