

# PINECL Newsletter

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## The PINECL project

In the virtual world, people with common interests can be brought together regardless of where they live. Social networks are a potentially powerful asset to rural dwellers and service providers alike. This is the key message that the PINECL project will promote at policy and practice levels.



The PINECL Project Partners with MEP Mairead McGuinness

## The aims of the PINECL project are:

- to develop an accredited training programme that parents can use to become qualified family learning advisors
- to provide an online hub where parents can network, share their experience and support each other
- to bring parents in rural communities and social and healthcare service providers together in support of early childhood development and education

## What is PINECL about?

### **Training**

- Experience a bespoke parenting course designed for today's digital world
- Access an accredited curriculum that supports the transition from parent to professional
- Train in a blended learning environment that combines online and classroom learning

### **Networking**

- Build your own parent to parent network and share information and experience
- Engage with social and healthcare professionals to support you and your child
- Join a network of professionals to exchange best practice and resources

### **Supporting**

- Find information on a wide range of interesting and appropriate topics
- Have access to an extensive collection of useful resources at your finger-tips
- Make connections with like-minded individuals at home and abroad

## The target groups of the PINECL project are:

- Parents of young children from infancy up to primary school age
- Adult learners who would like to train and acquire accreditation as lay family learning advisors
- Social and healthcare workers supporting parents of young children

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## Parents Academy

Welcome to the Parent's Academy, a new and vibrant social network addressing parenting and early childhood development. Currently under construction, when completed in autumn 2014, the Parent's Academy will provide training, networking and supports for parents of young children from infancy up to primary school age.



Artistic impression of the Parents Academy

It will also provide a forum for professionals working in the field of early childhood development supporting the exchange of best practice and offering access to a wide range of resources and materials.

The PINECL project is being developed by a consortium of eight partners representing Ireland (2), Cyprus, Romania, Italy, United Kingdom, Austria and Finland with funding from the European Commission under the Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013.



The project consortium comprises five acting partners and three supporting partners who are combining their considerable expertise to design and develop the proposed training, support and social network frameworks. Each acting partner is working closely with a series of stakeholder focus groups to ensure that the opinions and feedback of parents, adult education providers and social and healthcare professionals are at the heart of the project's development process. The PINECL project has been funded under Key Activity 3 of the EU Lifelong Learning Programme.

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