

Title: **Second-Level Information Literacy Support (SLILS)**

**Subject: Information Literacy
for Second Level Students**

Overview of Innovation:

In keeping with Objective 4 of the Library Strategic Plan *To contribute to social, economic and cultural development at local, regional, national and international level by providing an inclusive library and information service.*

The Library developed an outreach programme with Maynooth Post Primary School to enhance Information Literacy Skills



How it worked:

Hands on information sessions with 2nd year and leaving certificate classes covering

- Sourcing relevant information
- Referencing
- Search strategies
- Evaluation of sources and information
- Avoiding Plagiarism
- Developing critical thinking skills

Lessons learned:

- Hands on session and group discussions worked well in engaging students and developing critical thinking skills
- While technical skills were good it allowed us to establish there was a need for Information Literacy in Second Level Schools
- This programme has clear benefits for students' progression to third level education and the work place
- Preparing the programme and working within a school timetable proved challenging
- Allow more time than you think to develop the programme

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