



Ulster Bank Business Achievers Awards

Developing musical skills in schools hits the right note

CEOL Ireland was set up in 2006 by Carmel Dunne (above) with the aim of fostering the development of musical skill, understanding and knowledge among teachers and students in Ireland.

Global research has shown the crucial role music plays in the development of a child, yet a survey carried out by CEOL between 2002 and 2005 showed that over 50pc of primary-level principals and teachers think music is not well taught in Ireland due to

the lack of professional development and appropriate teaching resource materials.

Over the past two years, CEOL has addressed this problem, developing an independently evaluated, innovative approach to music teaching, whereby non-music literate teachers can be instructed how to teach music to children.

The company has created age-appropriate teaching aids and provides training and advisory services to teachers using the resources. CEOL's

programme was launched in April 2008. Within three months 150 teachers across Ireland were being trained using the music programmes.

Over the next 12 months, CEOL Ireland aims to expand the roll-out of its programmes and sign up 300 teachers.

CEOL Ireland received a Social Entrepreneurs Ireland award in 2006 and has been supported by bodies such as the Department of Education and Science and CIT Cork School of Music.



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