

## #edchatie Number 97



A weekly discussion by Irish educators. The topic was "Creative uses of Croke Park hours", Mon 17th June, 2013.

by [fboss](#)



- Elizabeth Oldham on the 40-year history of the Computer Education Society of Ireland, 1973-2013 <http://t.co/ErQFe9z5Vo> [#cesi40](#) [#edchatie](#)

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- With 4 times the votes, tonight's [#edchatie](#) discussion is on "Creative uses of Croke Park Hours". See you online (8.30-9.30pm Irish time)

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- MT "[@fboss](#): tonight's [#edchatie](#) is on "Creative uses of Croke Park Hours". See you online (8.30-9.30pm Irish time)" >essential tweeting!

[susanleahy](#) 1 day ago



- [@gravesle](#) You are more than welcome! Looking forward to seeing you online for tonight's [#edchatie](#) (8.30-9.30pm Irish time)

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



- "Creative uses of Croke Park Hours" is the topic for discussion from 8.30-9.30pm tonight on [#edchatie](#)

Join in and share your creativity

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- Have a meeting tonight so I'll miss [#edchatie](#). Here are some of my thoughts...

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- The best CP hours I've had involved groupwork with colleagues where we work together to complete a task for the school [#edchatie](#)

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- I really sorry for the schools who seem to get bogged down in admin/housekeeping during the hour. All too common for many it seems [#edchatie](#)

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- I do resent having to do it, not because I wouldn't do it but because it is an insulting 'productivity' justification to fly... [#edchatie](#)

[PrimEdTeacher](#) 1 day ago



- ... in the eyes of the private sector. [#edchatie](#)

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- Anyway, hope it goes well and look forward to checking in tomorrow. [#edchatie](#)

[PrimEdTeacher](#) 1 day ago



- [@fboss](#) can't make [#edchatie](#) tonight. :-( Is it the last one?

[MariaMernagh](#) 1 day ago



- [#edchatie](#) tonight discusses 'Creative use of Croke Park hours' 8.30pm. Buzz along and encourage them to [#KeepTheKidsReading](#)

[SummerBuzz](#) 1 day ago



- [@fboss](#) slightly disappointed that we weren't going to discuss create education better [#edchatie](#) [#missutah](#)

[clowth](#) 1 day ago



- Don't forget [#edchatie](#) happens every Monday 20:30-21:30. Join in the discussion with Irish Educators.

[IrishEducation](#) 1 day ago



- After tonight's [#edchatie](#) discussion, the transcript will be available over on the wiki <http://t.co/3UfM7qNZ8h> along with 96 others

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



- [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) Very interested in this one.

[soconfhaola](#) 1 day ago



• [@soconfhaola](#) Looking forward to getting to grips with what's going on around the CP hours myself [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



• [@dublinjane](#) You can always add to the discussion later tonight or in morning as I don't get to make the transcript until tomorrow [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



• ok, really curious about [#edchatie](#) topic - is CP offering up open slots?? (p.s. excited to be IN Ireland for [#edchatie](#)!!!)

[gravesle](#) 1 day ago



• ["@fboss](#): In 2 mins discuss "Creative uses of Croke Park Hours" from 8.30-9.30pm tonight on [#edchatie](#)  
Looking forward to hearing from you"

[susanleahy](#) 1 day ago



• [@susanleahy](#) Thanks for that - saved me a notice :- ) [#edchatie](#) (1 minute now)

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



• Welcome to tonight's [#edchatie](#) discussion - as usual, before we start, please introduce yourself (& don't forget the hashtag)

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



• [@gravesle](#) Welcome along & welcome back - glad you could make it - hope you're not jet-lagged [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) Conor here, second level - history and computing, Limerick.

[conpower](#) 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) Sean, principal from Ennis. Looking forward to the transcript.

[soconfhaola](#) 1 day ago



[#edchatie](#) Chris, Portlaoise based primary teacher.

**hicksoc4** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) teacher of English/History, can't wait to see how the rules are being bent here

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



• Fred, 2nd level art teacher,.Have been out of the class since Croke Park came in, so no 1st hand experience. Looking forward to [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• John from Mayo now in dublin [#edchatie](#)

**johnmayo** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) Evelyn, secondary school English teacher in Mayo. Hi all!

**evelynoconnor** 1 day ago



• [#Edchatie](#) Muireann, LS teacher in Dublin. Can't stay for long but interested in the topic.

**muirfoynes** 1 day ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) ... do you mean, as in counting [#edchatie](#) as 1 of the Croke Park hours?

**fboss** 1 day ago



• Missed the last few [#edchatie](#) looking forward to getting back in the mix.

**conpower** 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) This is the 2nd last one of this school year, but [#edchatie](#) comes back on Monday 2nd September for a new school year (number 99)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) no, as in what people can get away with and count it as [#crokepark](#) [#edchatie](#)

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



• PJ, Kerry, primary [#edchatie](#)

**loftyryan** 1 day ago



- A system of accounting for CPD that allows for individual/departmental and whole staff activities would be better. [#edchatie](#)

**conpower** 1 day ago



- For the next hour on [#edchatie](#) we're discussing "Creative uses of Croke Park Hours". Anyone want to start the ball rolling?

**fboss** 1 day ago



- [#edchatie](#) primary principal here. CP hours have destroyed good will of a lot of teachers, must expand to include all post school activities

**HanrahanAndy** 1 day ago



- Loving [#edchatie](#) from a Chromebook versus a Macbook - Chromebook has dedicated hash key [#ItsTheLittleThingsThatMatter](#)

**conpower** 1 day ago



- [@conpower](#) Agree - there needs to be a more integrated approach to CPD across the school, but how to manage it? [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



- What a difference a year makes to a teacher <http://t.co/MvMJN2SC18> (via [@toots2106](#)) [#edchatie](#)

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



- Would I be right in saying that it is a lot easier to make better use of croke park hours in small schools? must be hard 4big skuls [#edchatie](#)

**loftyryan** 1 day ago



- How much CPD doe people do each year [#edchatie](#)

**johnmayo** 1 day ago



- I think most would agree that teachers who do a lot of extracurricular are hit hard. I'm back 3 evenings, becomes 4 with CP [#edchatie](#)

**conpower** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) We do an hour every week and alternate between, Staff Meetings, Deis groups, policy development and guest speakers.

**soconfhaola** 1 day ago



• ASTI guidelines on use of [#crokepark](#) hours <http://t.co/Ec6BC68iwm> [#edchatie](#)

**levdaidovic** 1 day ago



• Anna, primary mainstream class teacher, Cork. [#edchatie](#)

**annahurleycork** 1 day ago



• Came across this on the open web - is it a typical approach? <http://t.co/5eayCvold6> [#edchatie](#) 9 of 36 hours = CPD

**fboss** 1 day ago



• Every 2nd week for 2 hrs worked well for us this year [#edchatie](#)

**loftyryan** 1 day ago



• [@johnmayo](#) [#edchatie](#) I used to do very little CPD. Now I can't keep count of it. Lightbulb moment was [@ICTedu](#) in 2011.

**evelynoconnor** 1 day ago



• We do staff meetings & planning time. Hoping to use CP hours next year for First Aid training. [#edchatie](#)

**muirfoynes** 1 day ago



• [@HanrahanAndy](#) [@levdaidovic](#) [#edchatie](#) Frustrating how limited Croke Park hrs are. Insulting to those of us who always go above and beyond!

**evelynoconnor** 1 day ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) I can count the physical attendance stuff, but podcasts, blogs, twitter, online training/conf can't count [#edchatie](#)

**johnmayo** 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#). That's very organised and impressive.

**hicksoc4** 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) Great Idea re: first aid. We have epi-pens and all that craic and its many years since I did a basic first aid course [#edchatie](#)

**conpower** 1 day ago



• I've heard of school having welcome BBQ, I would say whatever you can agree with management is fine [#edchatie](#)

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) in Jan I listened to 160hours of podcasts [#edchatie](#)

**johnmayo** 1 day ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) Good "There must be consultation with staff when this schedule is being drawn up/amended" when it comes to CP hours [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) very important to include CPD for subjects; could also be given by colleagues

**sandrinepk** 1 day ago



• Anyone thinking of doing school based teachmeet [#edchatie](#) Could hold it in the pub

**johnmayo** 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) Croke Park hrs for First Aid = excellent idea [#edchatie](#)

**evelynoconnor** 1 day ago



• CP hrs are just labeling what we already do. Apparently, we're supposed to be winding down as it's June! I've never been busier! [#edchatie](#)

**annahurleycork** 1 day ago



• [@hicksoc4](#) Yes - I was similarly impressed. Good to see it's an open approach from the start of a school year too [#edchatie](#) [#planning](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• Staff meetings, SIP, SSE, SEN, book lists, school tour planning, policy formulation/ review and much much more [#edchatie](#)

loftyryan 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) unfortunately a lot need to be spent on official guidelines etc...

sandrinepk 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) that is often the trouble, what is a consensus? How much flexibility is there? Goodwill often goes out the window [#edchatie](#)

levdavidovic 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) jo - jnr infants - Dublin - feel CP hours are very restrictive by "whole school" involvement. Lot of time there can

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• Regina Murphy, St Pat's Drumcondra, former principal [#edchatie](#)

reginawit 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) be a lot of sitting around listening to others talk/thrash out policies/issues where whole school staff not needed [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• [@johnmayo](#) Good Jesus, for fun??? Does [@wittertainment](#) count as CPD? I am an English teacher after all; film = part of curriculum! [#edchatie](#)

evelynoconnor 1 day ago



• Hi all, sorry late to this, Edel teacher of History&Rel.Ed. [#edchatie](#)

Tumedel 1 day ago



• "[@levdavidovic](#): ASTI guidelines on use of [#crokepark](#) hours <http://t.co/8XbOCBvotb> [#edchatie](#)"

Tumedel 1 day ago



• I've heard CP hours referred to as 'detention for teachers'! [#edchatie](#)

conpower 1 day ago



• No in class planning for us, only whole staff work, often frustrating as it feels like extra work going unnoticed as not accounted 4 [#edchatie](#)



loftyryan 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) Sandrine, from Wexford

sandrinepk 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) would also say that unions or management bodies have no time to be refereeing on what's allowed, just agree and get on with it

levdavidovic 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) [#edchatie](#) Yes, I really agree all teachers should be required to have some first aid would be a great use of CP time.

conpower 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) would LOVE more planning time. We do so much planning and preparation in our own time. Be great if it was recognised [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• I think that what can count for croke park hrs is too limited [#edchatie](#) I know Alot of things in our sch we've been told we cannot count

Tumedel 1 day ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) [@johnmayo](#) glad to hear it Evelyn :-) [#edchatie](#) [#ictedu](#)

pamelaaobrien 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) annoying when it seems croke park hours are just for sitting there & when time is up. people get up & go. no respect for speaker

sandrinepk 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [@levdavidovic](#) But the overall decision is with principal? They have ultimate decision on it, do they? [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• [@Tumedel](#) [#edchatie](#) I would wonder how rigorously it is audited. I would image a lot of schools are interpreting it differently

conpower 1 day ago



[@levdavidovic](#) [@fboss](#) Yes! So much goodwill in general from staff but there seems to be an underlying resentment of CP hours [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



I am going to try a Teachmeet for Croke Park this year [#edchatie](#)

johnmayo 1 day ago



[@magsamond](#) [@conpower](#) not surprised! Many see it as an obligation not to take part and be negative whatever is presented. [#edchatie](#)

sandrinepk 1 day ago



[#edchatie](#) also know that PDST asks if courses are being counted for [#crokepark](#) on attendance sheet even though it's often not 'whole staff'

levdavidovic 1 day ago



[@conpower](#) [@tumedel](#) This frustrates me, as its unfair if some principals interpret/implement it differently [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



[#edchatie](#) suggestion heard: use Croke park to tidy room. I am not kidding!

sandrinepk 1 day ago



[@JojoHendro](#) no it's a consultative meeting [#edchatie](#), BOM sign off

levdavidovic 1 day ago



[@conpower](#) [@Tumedel](#) [#edchatie](#) this is what drives me MAD. One school interprets it in very limited literal way, another says anything goes.

evelynoconnor 1 day ago



[@JojoHendro](#) [@tumedel](#) C'est la vie! [#edchatie](#)

conpower 1 day ago



1/2 [@Tumedel](#) There's so much time outside of school hours that we all give to help promote our schools and support our pupils. [#edchatie](#)

annahurleycork 1 day ago



- [@levdavidovic](#) It's inconsistencies like this that are unfair. Recently completed 16 hour course over 8 afternoons and not counted [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



- [#edchatie](#) Anyone doing a [#mooc](#) for CP?

**reginawit** 1 day ago



- 2/2 [@Tumedel](#) It is not recognised. All people focus on is the 'holidays'. More like the weeks we spend planning! [#edchatie](#)

**annahurleycork** 1 day ago



- I think sports training should count at least partially for CP hours. Great effort & time put in & not officially recognised. [#edchatie](#)

**muirfoynes** 1 day ago



- [@karenakeane](#) [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) yes! so much development happening we need time to discuss!

**sandrinepk** 1 day ago



- [@conpower](#) i know we've had several uproars about it [#edchatie](#) ours are sticking too rigourously

**Tumedel** 1 day ago



- [@loftyryan](#) What kind of stuff did 2hrs every 2 weeks allow you to get done? [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



- hhhmmm....just a thought. I could sit in next 'detention' and catch up on the tweets/blogs which are currently my CPD lifeline [#edchatie](#)

**magsamond** 1 day ago



- [@conpower](#) had it been audited?! [#edchatie](#)

**Tumedel** 1 day ago



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[@levdavidovic](#) Principal often chairperson/BOM & anecdotal stories would say principals in different schools interpret differently [#edchatie](#)

[JojoHendro](#) 1 day ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) [@conpower](#) the problem is clarity i think [#edchatie](#)

[Tumedel](#) 1 day ago



• ["@Tumedel: @conpower](#) i know we've had several uproars about it [#edchatie](#) ours are sticking too rigourously" >hear hear

[susanleahy](#) 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) [@levdavidovic](#) That's my understanding of it, but surely the whole staff have to agree on the use of CP hours too? [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



• [.@reginawit](#) read the other day that [#mooc](#) generally have 8% completion rate! [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) [@tumedel](#) [@JojoHendro](#) Iv heard of a principal who, if staff meeting ends early, 'banks' those 5/10 mins for next CP! [#edchatie](#)

[muirfoynes](#) 1 day ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) [@conpower](#) [@tumedel](#) Agree!! Unfair when many teachers put in so many extra hours anyway! Could be so productive [#edchatie](#)

[JojoHendro](#) 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) Welcome along to tonight's [#edchatie](#) - thanks for taking part

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) Yes! Plus the parades, community projects, sacraments, etc. No overtime for us. We do it with a heart and a half! [#edchatie](#)

[annahurleycork](#) 1 day ago



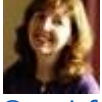
• [@JojoHendro](#) principal secretary to BOM, can't chair, ex officio member [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) Has anyone tried to do blended or online CPD for Croke Park hours. Dept. encouraging it so they should accept it or be hypocrites

**conpower** 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) [#edchatie](#) Would that formalise sports coaching more? And would that be welcome?

**reginawit** 1 day ago



• [@annahurleycork](#) I agree Its not all about counting hrs but the gov had turned it into that [#edchatie](#)

**Tumedel** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) I am part of French teacher Ass. teachers stopped coming to evening meetings since croke park hours started. not willing to 1/2

**sandrinepk** 1 day ago



• 2/2 to give up more time. [#edchatie](#)

**sandrinepk** 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) Or any extra curriculum activities! So silly that it cannot allow contact time with children [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) btw how many of you have to sign attendance form at CP meetings? seems to be different in some places.

**magsamond** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) I love the in-services about innovative teaching methods where you are handed wads of print outs or sit in front of powerpoint

**conpower** 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) [@conpower](#) [@tumedel](#) I would well believe it! [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



[@conpower](#) they're hypocrites... [#edchatie](#)

levdavidovic 1 day ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) [@johnmayo](#) [@wittertainment](#) SO, where does a school/principal/DES draw the line in this particular CP sand? [#edchatie](#)

fboss 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) Thanks! Often read it - decided to join! Hope I'm doing it right! [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) curricular reviews, literacy+numeracy reviews for SSE+SIP, resource swapping, ict info sharing, meeting with inspector etc. [#edchatie](#)

loftyryan 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) [@evelynoconnor](#) [@conpower](#) we all do WAY above the allotted hrs anyway [#edchatie](#)

Tumedel 1 day ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) Oh - understand. Often "leads" then... [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) Peer observation / mentoring WOULD be a great use but the rules 'forbid' CP hours during the school day.

conpower 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) Once you stick the hashtag [#edchatie](#) to your tweets all can see and comment during (& after) a Monday night discussion

fboss 1 day ago



• [@Tumedel](#) Imagine if we only did CP hours! It would be work-to-rule. We all do far more than 36hrs a year outside of the classroom! [#edchatie](#)

annahurleycork 1 day ago



• It was originally envisaged that there be a 'nationally mandated CPD' but guess what? No money? [#edchatie](#)

levdavidovic 1 day ago



• [@magsamond](#) [#edchatie](#) we don't.

[sandrinepk](#) 1 day ago



• [@sandrinepk](#) I totally see how that would happen. It is eroding goodwill in some schools [#edchatie](#)

[JojoHendro](#) 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) or have someone tlk at you about being creative in the classroom [#edchatie](#)

[Tumedel](#) 1 day ago



• [@magsamond](#) No we don't, but all staff are always present. [#edchatie](#)

[JojoHendro](#) 1 day ago



• [@sandrinepk](#): 2/2 to give up more time [#edchatie](#)" >no time to give!very hard to get new teachers involved in (Spanish)Association activities

[susanleahy](#) 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) I think it should count for something, but I wouldn't like to see it cause division for sporty/non sporty teachers. [#edchatie](#)

[muirfoynes](#) 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [@wittertainment](#) [#edchatie](#) Kermodian rants being classified as educational by the establishment? Nah. The grammar ones? Maybe!

[evelynconnor](#) 1 day ago



• Mary from Waterford here. If the BOM sign off on communion/ confo prep as CP hrs, they count. I added 5 hrs CP from that. [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 1 day ago



• Would be v popular if [#crokepark](#) hours were pulled in September in response to cuts [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 1 day ago



[@Tumedel](#) [@evelynoconnor](#) [@conpower](#) Deffo. Why can't we document that in some way? Or work individually for an hour a week! [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• [@magsamond](#) we do. [#edchatie](#)

susanleahy 1 day ago



• [@magsamond](#) always sign at meetings and write down exactly how long subject Dept meetings are & give record to P [#edchatie](#)

Tumedel 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) [@conpower](#) [@tumedel](#) But I think schools have different needs & is this not what CP hours can/should be used to address? [#edchatie](#)

fboss 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [@johnmayo](#) Sorry to jump in [#edchatie](#) but when do schools in Ireland get out for the summer?

hechternacht 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) Think activities like starting a chess club etc should be allowed for CP. Sometimes feels a case of killing time. [#edchatie](#)

muirfoynes 1 day ago



• I count almost everything as CP hrs. Ts can spend time in own classrooms preparing, and if all Ts are there, u can count it. [#edchatie](#)

m2thefizzle 1 day ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) fair play duit! [#edchatie](#)

levdavidovic 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) [#edchatie](#) the strictures surrounding CP hours imply huge mistrust of teachers IMO

susanleahy 1 day ago



• people who always did more, still do more. People who did little, stick to only croke park [#edchatie](#)

sandrinepk 1 day ago





• [@conpower](#) [@muirfoynes](#) That's what I meant -cookery, maths, creative writing, music etc... Directly benefit the children too [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) Good use of Croke Park hours? <http://t.co/qU3l2y8HKO> teachers reclaiming teaching?

**hstevenson10** 1 day ago



• [@sandrinepk](#) so true [#edchatie](#) and so frustrating.

**susanleahy** 1 day ago



• Every second Wed the staff get together for CP. the other Wed they spend preparing classes or correcting- all Croke Pk. [#edchatie](#)

**m2thefizzle** 1 day ago



• [@loftyryan](#) [@johnmayo](#) <http://t.co/3BEcZO9rT9> and this <http://t.co/T0CknSHwEO> will explain it best [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• [@toggoboge2](#) Oh- it definitely is if it's brought up at BOM by principal. [#edchatie](#) It's only fair.

**m2thefizzle** 1 day ago



• [@susanleahy](#) [#edchatie](#) and still that work is so important for future of subject. Our principal would be willing to have these as CP hours.

**sandrinepk** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) I sign into the CP meeting and then slowly drift off. Not too sure what we do to be honest...

**conorsmurf** 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [@johnmayo](#) Thank you!! [#edchatie](#) My best for a wonderful summer for you all! Cheers!

**hechternacht** 1 day ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#): Every 2nd Wed staff get together for CP. other Wed they spend preparing classes or correcting- all CP [#edchatie](#) > sounds good!

[susanleahy](#) 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [@conpower](#) [@tumedel](#) Yes I agree with that but I have heard so many different interpretations & principals refusing to budge [#edchatie](#)

[JojoHendro](#) 1 day ago



• [@annahurleycork](#) True. Think there is def a place for CP as it gets teachers together, but current rules too restrictive. [#edchatie](#)

[muirfoynes](#) 1 day ago



• [@magsamond](#) You wouldn't be alone. We make things relevant for students in class, what about teachers in "CP detention"? [#edchatie](#)

[fboss](#) 1 day ago



• [@susanleahy](#) [@conpower](#) you're only restricted by what you can agree, if one side (staff or management) are intransigent, gets hard [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 1 day ago



• [@sandrinepk](#) [#edchatie](#) but would need schools of all teachers involved to agree?

[susanleahy](#) 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [@conpower](#) [@tumedel](#) from their idea of how hours should be used, - other principals leave it up to teachers/departments [#edchatie](#)

[JojoHendro](#) 1 day ago



• [@Tumedel](#) [@levdavidovic](#) We were told by PDST that it could count as Croke Park hrs but were told by Management that it doesn't! [#edchatie](#)

[evelynconnor](#) 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [@JojoHendro](#) [@conpower](#) Thats the Ideal idea, but again i feel pack of clarity ties the hands of sch Management at times

[#edchatie](#)

[Tumedel](#) 1 day ago



- [@m2thefizzle](#) That is a brilliant idea! Is this how your school does it? So fair and productive too [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



- [@levdavidovic](#) [@conpower](#) not how it feels. Close adherence to "rules" of CP [#edchatie](#)

**susanleahy** 1 day ago



- ["@evelynoconnor: @Tumedel @levdavidovic](#) told by PDST it could count as Croke Park hrs but told by Management that it doesn't! [#edchatie](#)" >x2

**susanleahy** 1 day ago



- ["@conpower: #edchatie](#) Peer observation / mentoring WOULD be a great use but the rules 'forbid' CP hours during the school day."

**Tumedel** 1 day ago



- ["@susanleahy: @levdavidovic @conpower](#) not how it feels. Close adherence to "rules" of CP [#edchatie](#)"

**Tumedel** 1 day ago



- If the parent teacher meetings to on longer than the required time and for an extra evening, as in our case- that's CP hrs too. [#edchatie](#)

**m2thefizzle** 1 day ago



- [@muirfoynes @conpower @tumedel @JojoHendro](#) Banking CP hours could also be banking resentment. Just plan the use of the time better [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



- [@m2thefizzle](#) sounds great, but I was told correcting/preparing cannot count towards CP hours - part of job anyway. [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



- I think schools need to share more info on their own uses for CP hours. What other creative uses do ppl/schools have? [#edchatie](#)

**muirfoynes** 1 day ago



• [@topgold](#) no but I will if people want to have 1400 RSS feeds [#edchatie](#)

[johnmayo](#) 1 day ago



• [@evelyonoconnor](#) [@Tumedel](#) you are not alone there [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 1 day ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) [@susanleahy](#) [#edchatie](#) ASTI document states it 'must be outside normal school hours'

[conpower](#) 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [@Tumedel](#) [@conpower](#) [@tumedel](#) [@JojoHendro](#) It most definitely DOES bank resentment. Silly strategy IMO [#edchatie](#)

[muirfoynes](#) 1 day ago



• "[@levdavidovic](#): Would be v popular if [#crokepark](#) hours were pulled in September in response to cuts [#edchatie](#)".....:-)

[Tumedel](#) 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) [@m2thefizzle](#) That's what we do too. Class groups plan together, eg All 2nd class teacher, SEN team etc. [#edchatie](#)

[muirfoynes](#) 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) [#edchatie](#) The ASTI document states if a meeting starts after school the wait time MUST be counted. I.E. 15 minutes after school

[conpower](#) 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) [@susanleahy](#) if you agree it, nobody is going to be bothered wagging the finger at you! [#edchatie](#)

[levdavidovic](#) 1 day ago



• would love show and tell sessions [#edchatie](#)

[sandrinepk](#) 1 day ago



[@sandrinepk](#) [#edchatie](#) Could do a google hangout with other schools in the area and share best practice.

**conpower** 1 day ago



• [@sandrinepk](#): [@susanleahy](#) [@evelynoconnor](#) [@Tumedel](#) [@levdavidovic](#) same here. Principal said she checked and it is a no from above." [#edchatie](#)

**susanleahy** 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) [@muirfoynes](#) wait time must be counted that's correct [#edchatie](#)

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



• [@levdavidovic](#): [@conpower](#) [@susanleahy](#) if you agree it,nobody is going to be bothered wagging the finger at you! [#edchatie](#)" >conflicting info

**susanleahy** 1 day ago



• [@sandrinepk](#): people who always did more, still do more. People who did little, stick to only croke park [#edchatie](#)" very true!

**JaneOSullivan5** 1 day ago



• [@hstevenson10](#) Thanks for tweeting that. Looking for it since the Mayo Ed Centre Conference where it was mentioned [#struckgold](#) [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• [@johnmayo](#) [@sandrinepk](#) We often do this for part of a session [#edchatie](#)

**loftyryan** 1 day ago



• [@susanleahy](#) [@sandrinepk](#) [@evelynoconnor](#) [@Tumedel](#) there is no 'above' nobody cares what it's used for as long as its agreed [#edchatie](#)

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) That's interesting. Does it apply to primary schools too? [#edchatie](#)

**muirfoynes** 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) [@JojoHendro](#) Exactly! Just call it teacher prep/ class meetings- Principal can b creative and still stand over it. [#edchatie](#)

**m2thefizzle** 1 day ago



- [@muirfoynes](#) [@m2thefizzle](#) So you use ALL CP hours for planning? I think planning and preparation should be every month at least! [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



- Nobody checks the hours, the gov dont care, just punishment for being a teacher. Once everyone knows this real work can be done [#edchatie](#)

**conorsmurf** 1 day ago



- Well over halfway through [#edchatie](#) tonight and the main thing seems to be in HOW the Croke Park hours are used & for WHAT [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



- [@susanleahy](#) explain 'conflicting info'? [#edchatie](#)

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



- [#edchatie](#) Our principal asks if we know someone or heard of school which had a good speaker.

**sandrinepk** 1 day ago



- [@muirfoynes](#) [@conpower](#) yes it does [#edchatie](#)

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



- [@m2thefizzle](#) [@muirfoynes](#) [@JojoHendro](#) unfortunately not all are [#edchatie](#)

**Tumedel** 1 day ago



- [@muirfoynes](#) Yep [#edchatie](#) Seems to ignored by some principals though.

**conpower** 1 day ago



- [@levdavidovic](#) as in, v interesting to hear this from you because within our school we are told otherwise! [#edchatie](#)

**susanleahy** 1 day ago



- [@levdavidovic](#) [@conpower](#) That's a \*great\* piece of info to have. Thanks a mil. [#edchatie](#)

**muirfoynes** 1 day ago



- [@fboss](#) Site wasn't public then- the group has inward facing blog, but now outward facing website.is great work.Teachers in charge [#edchatie](#)

**hstevenson10** 1 day ago



- Great ideas here! Im bowing out. Had a very busy day. Health Promoting Schools flag raised and then reports until 5. No CP hrs ☐ [#edchatie](#)

**annahurleycork** 1 day ago



- [@hstevenson10](#) I remember that being said alright. Enjoyed following that conference from the other side of Ireland [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



- [@susanleahy](#) bottom line is if staff and management agree, it should be allowed. No union or management body will be bothered [#edchatie](#)

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



- [@susanleahy](#) [@levdavidovic](#) Nobody checks! They don't care what you do, just that you're inconvenienced [#edchatie](#)

**conorsmurf** 1 day ago



- [@annahurleycork](#) Don't get me started on the hours on reports! [#edchatie](#) [#8.5daysandcounting](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



- [@susanleahy](#) [@levdavidovic](#) i agree v interesting,in my exp management 'afraid' to stretch boundaries [#edchatie](#)

**Tumedel** 1 day ago



- [@conorsmurf](#) [@susanleahy](#) [@levdavidovic](#) Agree! [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



- [@JojoHendro](#) [@m2thefizzle](#) Staff meeting monthly, otherwise usually planning, unless there's a speaker in eg. for SSE. Works well. [#edchatie](#)

**muirfoynes** 1 day ago



- [@JojoHendro](#) [@muirfoynes](#) Every second Wed we get together for maybe literacy or something relevant. Otherwise, planning. [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 1 day ago



- [#edchatie](#) I liked when I taught in the UK and we had a 15 minute staff meeting every Monday morning. Great to set up the week.

[conpower](#) 1 day ago



- [@levdauidovic](#) [#edchatie](#) we are trying to broaden scope this year but it still feels very limited [#edchatie](#)

[susanleahy](#) 1 day ago



- I've asked the NQTs to show us their use of technology in the classroom as part of CP- we all learned loads. [#edchatie](#)

[m2thefizzle](#) 1 day ago



- [@susanleahy](#) you're not alone I can tell you [#edchatie](#)

[levdauidovic](#) 1 day ago



- [#edchatie](#) Of course the elephant in the room is we may not have Croke Park hours next year [#brokentreaty](#)

[conpower](#) 1 day ago



- [@conpower](#) Love this idea. Great start to the week. [#edchatie](#)

[JojoHendro](#) 1 day ago



- "[@m2thefizzle](#): I've asked NQTs to show us their use of technology in the classroom as part of CP- we learned loads. [#edchatie](#)" >great idea!

[susanleahy](#) 1 day ago



- [@m2thefizzle](#) when do you fit the training of official guidelines from DES, SDP, etc...? [#edchatie](#)

[sandrinepk](#) 1 day ago





"@conpower: #edchatie I liked when I taught in the UK & we had a 15 minute staff meeting every Monday morning. Great to set up the week." +1

susanleahy 1 day ago



• @fboss @Tumedel @susanleahy that should be that but often intransigence hard to overcome #edchatie

levdavidovic 1 day ago



• @conpower Out of interest, what do you think the vote result will be? #curious #edchatie

muirfoynes 1 day ago



• @conpower Do you think? Would be such freedom! Feels so oppressive :( #edchatie

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• @muirfoynes #edchatie I stay out of the politics ;)

conpower 1 day ago



• We're into the official final 10mins of the 2nd last #edchatie of this school year on "Creative uses of Croke Park Hours"

fboss 1 day ago



• @fboss @susanleahy @levdavidovic youd be surprised, very much sticking to the letter #edchatie

Tumedel 1 day ago



• "@INTOnews: INTO members accept Haddington Road proposals by 63 per cent to 37 per cent". #edchatie @conpower this might influence things!

evelynoconnor 1 day ago



• INTO members accept Haddington Road proposals by 63 per cent to 37 per cent. Further details on <http://t.co/3uFwTSS8Vx> later #edchatie

mulp 1 day ago



• @conorsmurf @susanleahy @levdavidovic need to get that message out there so #edchatie

Tumedel 1 day ago



• [#INTO](#) have voted to accept the Haddington Road proposals. 63% voted in favour, 37% against. [#edchatie](#)

**lthugh** 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) Interesting to see ISM meetings timetabled... [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) Is that a dodo rather than an elephant then? [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• [@Tumedel](#) [@fboss](#) [@levdavidovic](#) [#edchatie](#) yes. The letter of the law more important than anything despite pleas/arguments to contrary.

**susanleahy** 1 day ago



• Slightly off topic Who won teacher of the year this year - missed it [@evelynoconnor](#) [#edchatie](#)

**johnmayo** 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) "ISM" ? [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• [@susanleahy](#) [@tumedel](#) [@fboss](#) [@levdavidovic](#) This is definitely the case in many schools [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



• INTO members accept Haddington Rd by 63 to 37 per cent. Further details on <http://t.co/8nfvA3taQ6> later via [@INTOnews](#) ~ awful news [#edchatie](#)

**levdavidovic** 1 day ago



• [@johnmayo](#) don't think they had one. Might not have been exactly what they were expecting last yr ;- ) lol! [#edchatie](#)

**evelynoconnor** 1 day ago



[#edchatie](#) It looks like the old cliché 'you get back what you put in'. Management and staff with energy make good use - others kill time

**conpower** 1 day ago



• "[@conpower](#): [#edchatie](#) Of course the elephant in the room is we may not have Croke Park hours next year [#brokentreaty](#)"

**Tumedel** 1 day ago



• [@evelynoconnor](#) you gave them some great coverage [#edchatie](#)

**johnmayo** 1 day ago



• "[@susanleahy](#): [@levdavidovic](#) [#edchatie](#) we are trying to broaden scope this year but it still feels very limited [#edchatie](#)" same [#gottafight](#)

**Tumedel** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) I find a lot of teachers, esp in practical subjects doing classes after school. Should be counted...

**conpower** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) could be used to make art room, computer room facilities available to students afters school. [#productiveuse](#)

**conpower** 1 day ago



• "[@fboss](#): We're into official final 10mins of 2nd last [#edchatie](#) this school year on "Creative uses of Croke Park Hours"" >great topic Fred!

**susanleahy** 1 day ago



• For the final 5 official minutes of tonight's [#edchatie](#) -> what would your fantasy Croke Park hours contain for your school? [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) CP hours for everyone thanks to INTO vote

**quamcellerime** 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) Marion McCarthy in UCC leads a lot of peer observation for CPD among lecturers in UCC [#edchatie](#)

**mikecosgrave** 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) I guessed its In School Management (ISM) meetings for paid post holders? [#edchatie](#)

**JojoHendro** 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) I used to do that anyway - no CP hours required :- ) [#edchatie](#)

**fboss** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) Anyone else Croke Park hours should be more appropriately named?

**conpower** 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) Aviva maybe :- ) [#edchatie](#)

**johnmayo** 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) [@fboss](#) We have no ISM- I AM the ISM! Wrote the SSE report by myself- haven't the plan done yet. [#edchatie](#)

**m2thefizzle** 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) Very dangerous question. My safe answer involves cake. [#edchatie](#)

**conorsmurf** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) -> what would your fantasy Croke Park hours contain for your school?

**fboss** 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) First Aid course - every teacher & SNA certified. Teaching & the Law info. Planning to be counted. Sports to be counted. [#edchatie](#)

**muirfoynes** 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [@hstevenson10](#) [#edchatie](#) Check out what the teachers said about it <http://t.co/LIY1z3P2WV>

**FionaKing6** 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) may be should be thought as what will the students get out of us doing Croke Park hours? Does it make us better ?

sandrinepk 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) renamed 'indentured time in school' or 'pretend saving money' [#edchatie](#)

levdavidovic 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) 2 hours month for group planning/classroom preparation, flexibility to do a course beneficial in your classroom [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) [@levdavidovic](#) [@INTOnews](#) Can't believe it either. Really shocked. [#edchatie](#)

muirfoynes 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) [#fantasy](#) peer2peer Teaching, individual&subject CPD, prep/planning, purposeful staff meetings, staff mental health tips. □

susanleahy 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) friends - please join us again this year for the free ICT conference put on by [#MAET](#) students! 9 July! <http://t.co/RmuBcZz4Zg>

gravesle 1 day ago



• Transcript will be out tomorrow morning on [@chirpstory](#) as well as archived on the [#edchatie](#) wiki here <http://t.co/3UfM7qNZ8h>

fboss 1 day ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) [#edchatie](#) I kinda liked 'detention for teachers'

conpower 1 day ago



• [@fboss](#) Have already said to staff we could do with team building in the form of a Spa Treatment! [#edchatie](#) [#crokepark](#)

m2thefizzle 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) [@m2thefizzle](#) wonder who voted [#edchatie](#)

levdavidovic 1 day ago



[@fboss](#) Yoga, cake (thanks [@conorsmurf](#)), extracurricular, more cake, more yoga, this hour on twitter [#edchatie](#) every Monday. Then more cake.

evelynconnor 1 day ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) [@fboss](#) Ah that's a pity!! Are there no post holders in your school? Our school has great ISM team [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• Check out [#edchatie](#) wiki <http://t.co/ohvsRoTQN2> for some great discussions.

donn00 1 day ago



• [@levdavidovic](#) [@m2thefizzle](#) [@INTOnews](#) Wonder who counted... [#edchatie](#)

muirfoynes 1 day ago



• [@gravesle](#) [#edchatie](#) You can't beat free!

conpower 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) [@fboss](#) We were going to get certified First Aid but too expensive. Who should pay? Had a basics info session though [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• [@VoiceforTeacher](#) VOMIT. [#edchatie](#)

evelynconnor 1 day ago



• Officially that's the [#edchatie](#) hour done, but feel free to add as transcript will be created tomorrow morning here <http://t.co/3UfM7qNZ8h>

fboss 1 day ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) [@fboss](#) Wouldn't that be lovely!! We had a brilliant Murder Mystery team building afternoon! [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• MT [@fboss](#): Transcript tmrw morn on [@chirpstory](#) & archived on the [#edchatie](#) wiki here <http://t.co/eGYD3jljwv>" >essential reading 4 mngmnt! ☐

susanleahy 1 day ago



"@evelynoconnor: @VoiceforTeacher VOMIT. #edchatie"

Tumedel 1 day ago



@JojoHendro @m2thefizzle Have to ask - who was the "victim"? :- ) #edchatie

fboss 1 day ago



@JojoHendro @fboss Now THAT'S the biz! Who organised that? #edchatie

m2thefizzle 1 day ago



@m2thefizzle @JojoHendro @fboss #edchatie Dosen't have to take place in school so have one down the pub!

conpower 1 day ago



@m2thefizzle @fboss Ah that's tough! I'm in big school and everyone, not just post holders does their bit with plans/policies #edchatie

JojoHendro 1 day ago



Thanks everyone for taking part. The last #edchatie of this school year is next Monday & looking to end on a great topic #thinkingcapson

fboss 1 day ago



Thanks as usual to the boss @fboss! #edchatie

levdavidovic 1 day ago



@m2thefizzle @levdavidovic @INTOnews Hard not to be. Wonder if the INTO Facebook page will now make a miraculous reappearance! #edchatie

muirfoynes 1 day ago



@fboss @m2thefizzle That's getting into dangerous territory there ;) #edchatie #murder

JojoHendro 1 day ago



@fboss thanks Fred. Very good topic! Will be in España next week so will miss last #edchatie thanks for another great year of moderating ☐☐

susanleahy 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) [@m2thefizzle](#) [@fboss](#) ;) [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) [@fboss](#) I'll DM you... [#edchatie](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• ["@levdavidovic](#): Thanks as usual to the boss [@fboss](#)! [#edchatie](#)" [#likeaboss](#) ☐

susanleahy 1 day ago



• [@conpower](#) [@JojoHendro](#) [@fboss](#) Might just do that.....! [#edchatie](#)

m2thefizzle 1 day ago



• [#edchatie](#) [@blogawardsie](#) Irish Blog Awards <http://t.co/xdpzSfeo16> Science/Education category there if you want to nominate (pick me!)

evelynconnor 1 day ago



• We have heard about Web 2.0 but look out Web 3.0 is coming. [#webtools](#) [#edchatie](#) [#langchat](#) [#mfltwitterati](#) [#niedchat](#) <http://t.co/H3NvZSgMSY>

LangTeachersIre 1 day ago



• Great [#edchatie](#) session. Stayed way longer than I meant to & now have loads of work to do. Thanks [@fboss](#) as usual and all who participated.

muirfoynes 1 day ago



• [@muirfoynes](#) [@fboss](#) I agree! Enjoyed my first one [#edchatie](#) [#rsi](#)

JojoHendro 1 day ago



• [@JojoHendro](#) [@fboss](#) Great to 'see' you at [#edchatie](#). [#rsi](#) = occupational hazard! Enjoy your week. Talk soon! ☐

muirfoynes 1 day ago



• [@patjburke](#) Everyone had something to contribute. Have to say, anything I showed the staff, I learned on twitter with [#edchatie](#)!



**m2thefizzle** 1 day ago



• Out for a wee run earlier so missed [#edchatie](#) So far spas, cp hrs in pubs and cesi meets catching my attention must read transcript lol ;-)

**ffarry1** 1 day ago



• I sent a guest post to [@ICTedu](#) blog and its here to read if you want to <http://t.co/XAQjCryZeS> [#edchatie](#) [#ictedu](#) [#HowILearn](#)

**AnseoAMuinteoir** 22 hours ago



• Helen wrote this for [@ICTedu](#) today! <http://t.co/uM3DCGkqm2> [#HowILearn](#) [#ICTedu](#) [#edchatie](#)

**HowILearn** 20 hours ago



• Have you checked out the guest post on the ICT in Education blog from [@AnseoAMuinteoir](#) <http://t.co/9Kq1se83CJ> [#edchatie](#) [#ictedu](#) [#HowILearn](#)"

**pamelaaobrien** 15 hours ago



• Further to last nights [#edchatie](#) topic- our staff are performing Abba medley at our school talent comp next week- using CP hrs to practice!

**m2thefizzle** 15 hours ago



• [@m2thefizzle](#) [#edchatie](#) Looks like creativity at a meta-level ;-)

**reginawit** 15 hours ago

• [Content from Twitter](#)