

Maths Circle Testimonials

"I found that the Maths Circle helped students gain more confidence in both their Mathematical ability and ability to express themselves to their class mates. Students developed new methodologies which they brought to their Maths classes but most importantly they found that Maths is fun!"

"...students come from large classes with mixed range of abilities. So, as a teacher it is not easy to give individual attention ... Maths Circles provided these more-able students an opportunity to look at more challenging aspects of Mathematics."

Joan Hough, St. Aidans Community College

"Maths Circles are an excellent way for students to feel good about their maths ability and themselves, it gives them a like-minded social group and the freedom away from class to become excited again about maths."

Celeste Quinlan, Colaiste Daibheid

"In Blarney we found that it was a great boost to the students that had a real interest in problem solving and lateral thinking. Within the regular maths course these students do not normally get the opportunity to enjoy the fun and thrill of solving puzzles that require an understanding and sometimes unusual application of mathematical principles."

Sean Foley, Scoil Mhuire gan Smal, Blarney

"Students developed their mathematical skills in a very different learning environment from the classroom ... It was really interesting to see students completing the same problem using very different methods."

"So many programmes focus on weaker students and this was a great opportunity for the better students."

"In our school 21 students started and 18 of those students attended all sessions ..."

Sarah O Donovan, St. Aloysius Secondary School, Cork City

"It's fantastic to see those very good students so engaged in the Maths Circle, clearly enjoying the experience of being challenged mathematically."

Jim Long, Principal - Douglas Community School

"Engineers Ireland's STEPS programme is delighted to support Maths Circles. This initiative is a terrific way for Junior Cycle students to gain an appreciation for the creative and aesthetic sides of maths, and to develop problem-solving skills in an environment that celebrates investigation for its own sake. It is students with these skills that will make great engineers of the future."

John Power, Director General - Engineers Ireland

"The Maths Circles Initiative provides students with an opportunity to build their self-esteem in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. The Maths Circles make available an environment for students to realise their mathematical talents and perspectives that no one else has."

Noel Brett, Project Coordinator, Eureka Centre, UCC