

Wish Leaders Programme



There has never been a year like 2020.

Plans have had to be rewritten, reimagined or even abandoned. You, like many others, have had to adapt. But as students at your school head into transition year, they are still going to need a huge amount of guidance.

Covid-19 has robbed you of the usual opportunities for guest speakers, trips out and work experience to get your young people ready for their post-school lives.

This is where we think Make-A-Wish® Ireland can help. For 28 years we have been in the business of making young people's wishes come true. We want to share this positive, life-affirming approach with your students.

The Wish Leaders Programme will inspire and develop leadership skills, encouraging students to 'reach for the stars' and believe anything is possible, just like our wish children do. Apart from much needed fundraising, our program will focus on wellbeing and the development of leadership skills.

Successful people always seem to have the wind at their backs. In reality, they don't let a strong headwind beat them back!

Our library of exclusive videos features inspirational figures such as former Irish Rugby player Tommy Bowe, The Coronas frontman Danny O'Reilly and Lift Ireland CEO Joanne Hession. Each inspiring story focus on a pivotal moment in the speaker's life or career and how they overcame their challenges.

Our student handouts will encourage students to identify and discuss the leadership skills demonstrated by our inspirational figures. We will provide learning resources and guidelines to cover five 40-minute lessons.

Finally, students will have the opportunity to develop their own leadership skills in planning and executing their own fundraising event to benefit seriously ill children.

As further motivation for their fundraising efforts, we will also supply heart-warming videos from a few of the 2,600+ Irish children whose wishes we have granted.



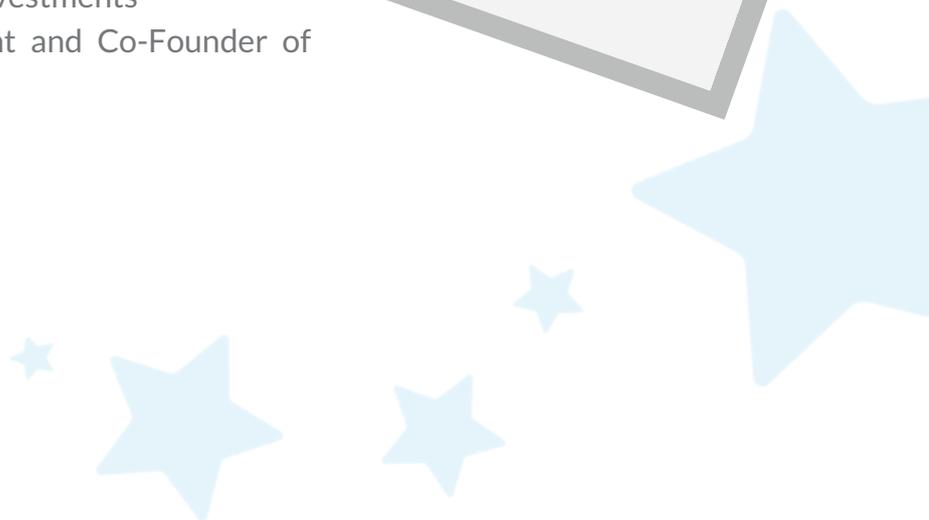
Learning materials provided

- Exclusive videos from inspirational figures in the areas of business, sports, and entertainment. These videos focus on a pivotal moment in the speaker's life or career and how they overcome challenges.
- Student handout to help identify leadership qualities in the stories of inspirational figures.
- Insight into the lives of seriously ill children with videos from wish families talking about the impact of a wish.
- Suggested outline for five lessons

Your Guest Speakers

- Donnacha Neary, Founder & MD at SONICA Fitout
- Orla Brennan, EMEA Managing Consultant, Korn Ferry
- Pdraig Harrington, Professional Golfer
- Rory O'Connor, Comedian, Rory's Stories
- Siobhan O'Shea, Client Services Director, CPL
- Tommy Bowe, Former IRFU Player
- Hazel Chu, Lord Mayor of Dublin
- Alina Uí Chaollaí, Marketing Director at Tayto Snacks
- Danny O'Reilly, Singer/Musician, The Coronas
- Joanne Hession, CEO, Lift Ireland
- Kingsley Aikens, CEO, The Networking Institute
- Mick Sweeney, CEO, PineBridge Investments
- Moira Dunne, Business Consultant and Co-Founder of BeProductive.ie

Plus more to be announced!



Learning Outcomes

Students will...

- ★ Learn about leadership qualities
- ★ Gain insight into dealing with challenging situations
- ★ Put leadership skills into practice
- ★ Develop project & planning skills
- ★ Contribute to the wellbeing of seriously ill children & their community.

How to Get Started

Visit [makeawish.ie](https://www.makeawish.ie) to find out more and to register for the programme. If you have any further questions, please email mary@makeawish.ie.



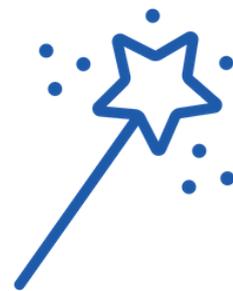
Registration is FREE and there is no requirement to commit to a minimum amount of funds raised. Any funds your students do successfully raise will go towards granting the wishes of children in Ireland who are living with life-threatening illnesses.

Full materials will be available in early September so that you can start the programme at any point during the academic year.

About Make-A-Wish Ireland

Make-A-Wish Ireland grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions such as cancer, cystic fibrosis and heart conditions. No two wishes are alike, because no two sick children are alike - from the humble to the seemingly impossible!

Since 1992, Make-A-Wish Ireland has granted wishes for more than 2,600 brave children across Ireland. A wish granted is true magic for the child, providing respite from their normal routines of hospitals, doctors and treatment. Make-A-Wish Ireland does not receive any government funding, and relies on the generosity of the Irish public to continue granting wishes.



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