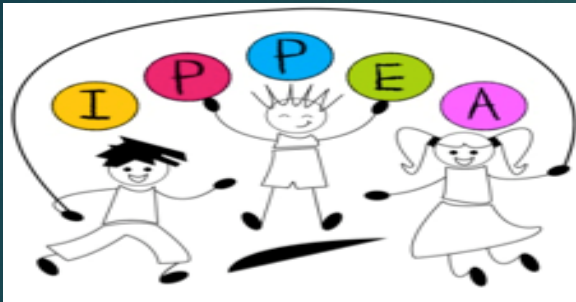




EUPEA Central Europe Meeting

IRELAND



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IPPEA founded in 2002

The IPPEA aims to:

- Represent and support the needs of primary teachers involved in Physical Education
- Support the promotion of Physical Education and healthy lifestyles in primary school
- Hold, organise and participate in conferences and workshops for the purpose of promoting PE at primary level
- Keep members up to date on the latest issues and developments in PE and related areas
- Liaise with other organisations involved in the promotion of PE, Physical Activity and Sport





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- 306 MEMBERS
- PARTIALLY FUNDED BY DUBLIN WEST EDUCATION CENTRE
- VOLUNTARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Membership Form

Names: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Membership Type: (see overleaf)

- Renewal ☒ ☒
- New Member ☒ ☒
- Category ① ② ③

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Ippea Activities





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Support

- ▶ IPPEA PE Workshops
- ▶ IPPEA Student teacher workshops
- ▶ IPPEA Conference
- ▶ Website resources

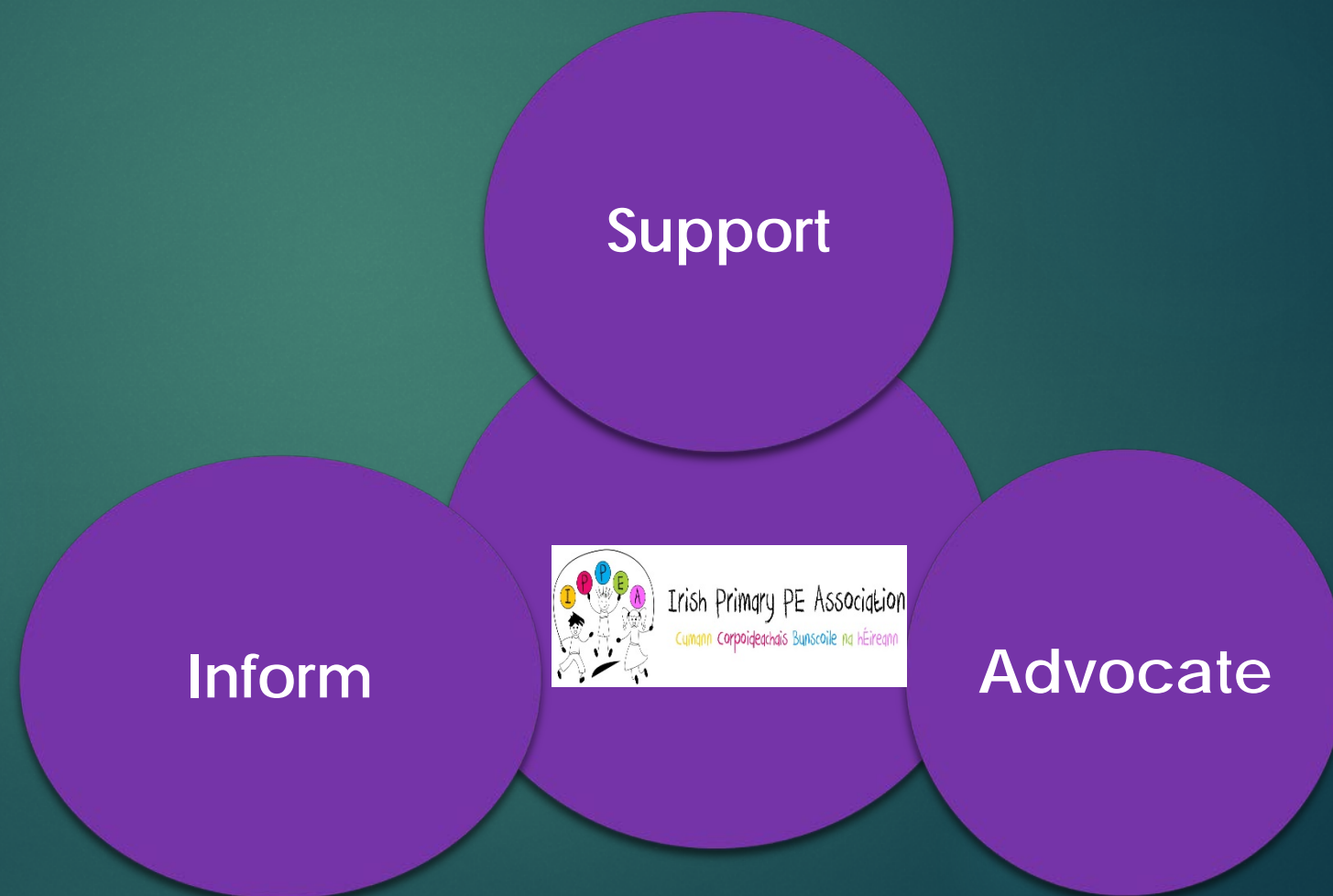


Assessment in PE



FMS Junk Play

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INFORM

► Website

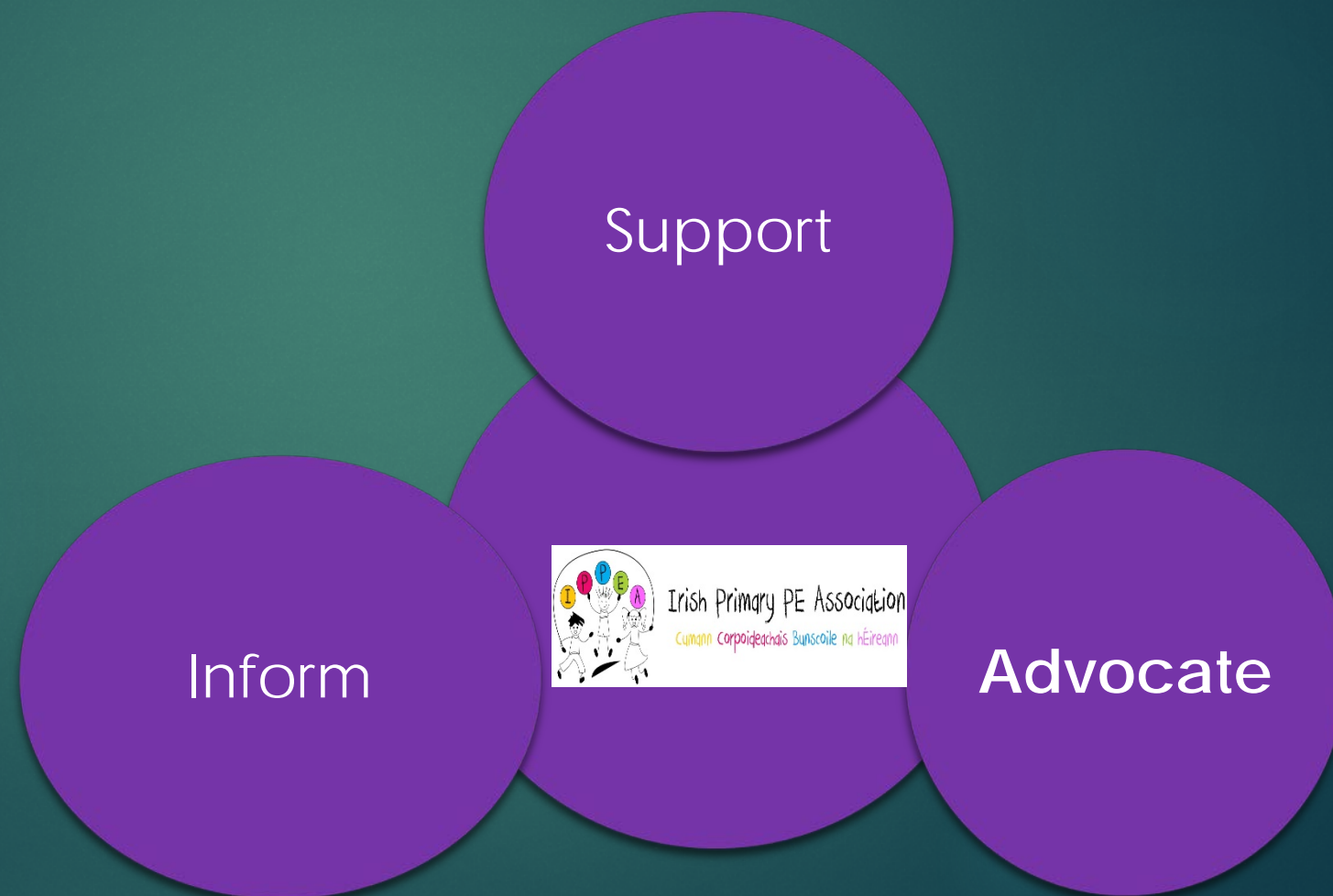
► Facebook/twitter

► Emails/Newsletters

► Publications

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Irish Primary PE Association website. At the top is the IPPEA logo and name in English and Irish. Below this is a navigation bar with links: HOME, ABOUT US, MEMBERSHIP, CONFERENCES, PE WORKSHOPS, CONTACT, IPPEA AWARD, and TEACHING TIPS. A green banner on the right says "Spórt is Sprioc!" with a checkmark. The main content area features a large heading "Have Your Say: NCCA Consultation" dated February 8, 2017. Below this is a smaller version of the IPPEA logo and a "Dear Members" section. The text explains that the NCCA is consulting on the redeveloped Primary Curriculum and provides a link to the consultation page. It lists ways to participate: attending a focus group, completing an online questionnaire, requesting a meeting, or attending a consultative event. It also mentions that an Executive Summary of the consultation is attached. On the right side of the page, there are sections for "SEARCH SITE" (with a search bar), "LOGIN" (with a "Logout" link), "ACCOUNT" (with "Account" and "Logout" links), and "OUR PARTNERS" (featuring logos for EUPEA and Dublin West Education Centre).

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Advocate

Consultation with external bodies

- CARA
- Report card on physical activity in children and youth
- Healthy Ireland (National obesity policy)
- PEPAYS
- European Physical Education Association
- Professional Development Service for Teachers
- Active School Flag
- Physical Education Association of Ireland
- HSE





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Advocate

NCCA Curriculum review

How have you shaped policy in your countries?

Advice?



Primary Physical Education Curriculum (1999)

- ▶ ONE HOUR PER WEEK

- ▶ Curriculum

Junior and Senior Infants

1st and 2nd class

3rd and 4th class

5th and 6th class

- ▶ Generalist teachers (average of 40-50 hours ITE)



Every child should...

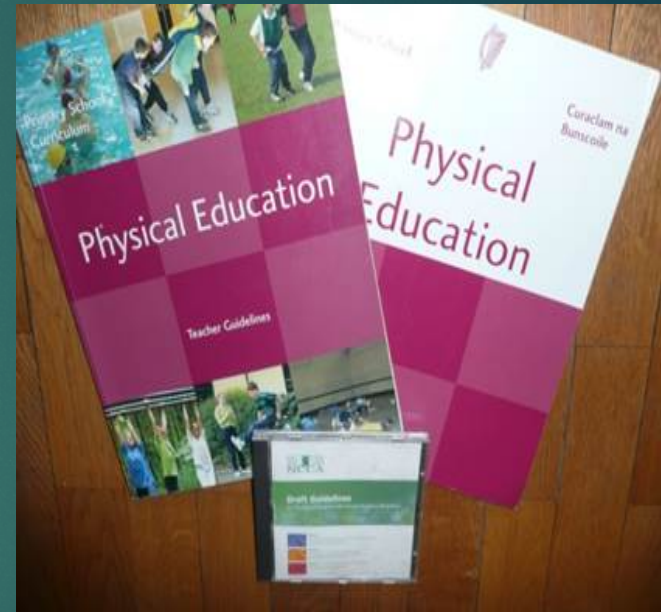
- ▶ Broad and balanced
- ▶ Enjoyment and play
- ▶ Maximum participation (no elimination)
- ▶ Develop skills and understanding
- ▶ Balance: competitive and non-competitive
- ▶ Opportunities for achievement
- ▶ Suitable for boys and girls



Strands

- ▶ Games
- ▶ Outdoor and Adventure
- ▶ Athletics

- ▶ Dance
- ▶ Gymnastics
- ▶ Aquatics



Current Issues within Irish Primary PE

- ▶ **Variable quality/delivery**

Limited evidence on quality of PE being delivered

- ▶ **Time**

Not all pupils currently receiving minimum allocations

- ▶ **Role of External providers**

Delivery of PE curriculum? Support or replace

Current Issues within Irish Primary PE

- ▶ **Teacher Education now 4 years**

Primary PE Specialism, leadership opportunities

- ▶ **Curriculum review**

Move towards well being? What are other countries experiences? Advice?

Secondary (12-18 years)

Wellbeing programme (12-15 years)(PE, SPHE, CSPE)

Positives:

- ▶ PE is not a specific subject - implications for status of PE?
- ▶ Minimum allocation of 80- mins per week and PE for all students at Junior Cycle (12-15 year olds) ...compulsory for the first time

Challenges:

Teachers perceptions of Wellbeing, fear and uncertainty; unsure of the implications and impact.

- ▶ Need for some structure, resources, and in-service

Leaving Cert PE (16-18 years)

Positives

- ▶ Potential negative impact on delivery of non-examinable PE at senior cycle
- ▶ Students have the option of taking PE as an exam subject for the first time. Potential to positively impact status of the subject.
- ▶ Many PE teachers really embracing the challenge

Challenges:

- ▶ The content is beyond what a lot of PE teachers have experienced thus far, up skilling necessary.

Thank you

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