

# Primary School Literacy and Numeracy Initiatives

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## Get Involved

Would your company like to make a difference in your local community?

Are your employees ready for a stimulating volunteering opportunity?

Why not take part in one of our high-impact education programmes, which are designed to help children be more confident with reading and numbers. Employees from over 40 businesses in Ireland are currently volunteering, sharing their time, and helping children from disadvantaged schools to improve their literacy and numeracy.



## Benefits

- An enriching experience for employees
- Long-term improvement in children's reading and maths
- Positive impact on your community, as part of your CSR strategy

## Cost

A contribution of €3,100 covers the cost of resourcing and running the programmes.

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## Time to Read

Time to Read is a high-impact literacy programme that supports 7-8 year old children who struggle with reading. Volunteers share their time and their love of reading to help children grow to love books and become confident and fluent readers.

The impact of the programme is powerful and long-lasting:

- Improves children's fluency and comprehension
- Increases their enjoyment and confidence in reading
- Encourages self-discovery

### How does the programme work?

Volunteers spend one hour per week (over a period of 16-20 weeks) reading with children, either in school or remotely via video call. Business in the Community Ireland provides bespoke virtual training so that volunteers are fully confident in delivering the programme. To celebrate and conclude the programme, children and volunteers visit a local library and take a tour of the volunteers' workplace. This adds tangible value to the children's experience.

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## Time to Count

Time to Count is a numeracy programme that makes maths fun for children, many of whom struggle with numbers. By spending 40 minutes per week with small groups of children, volunteers can help the children explore and develop a love of maths.

The purpose of Time to Count is to:

- Build confidence in, and enjoyment of numbers
- Reinforce a conceptual understanding of numbers
- Improve mathematical problem solving

### How does the programme work?

Volunteers work in groups with children from third class, playing fun games and puzzles related to maths and numeracy. The programme runs for 8-10 weeks with 10 volunteers. Half of the volunteers do the first 4-5 weeks and the remaining half complete the rest.

