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JCSP Library Project / Poetry Ireland WRaPParound Initiative

What is WRaPParound?

WRaPParound – Writing, Reading and Performance Poetry

Set up in 2013, **WRaPParound** is a JCSP Library Project performance poetry initiative run in conjunction with Poetry Ireland. Participating students in each school work with an established poet/rapper over a full day or over a series of shorter workshops during which they write, edit, recite and/or record their own work.

This spoken-word poetry initiative introduces students to writing, reading and reciting poetry in a new way. Through being encouraged to craft poems based on their own ideas and experiences, students find a new way into poetry.

Writing, listening to and creating spoken word poetry and rap songs gives students an understanding of the power of language. The ability to write their own poems, to stand up and perform their poems or to rap quickly and clearly contributes to the development of writing, oral language and listening skills.

This is the fourth year of the **WRaPParound** initiative. Experience to date has demonstrated that participation in this spoken word poetry education initiative can strengthen students' literacy skills, can engage reluctant writers and can develop the student voice and emotional literacy. The very real impact of the initiative on student engagement with their learning and on their confidence and self-belief has been evident throughout.

The 2015/2016 initiative will culminate in **WRaPParound Wrap** celebration events which will take place in the National Library of Ireland in **late April / early May 2016**. These celebratory events will involve the coming together of a selection of students from across the participating schools, together with their librarians, teachers and principals. Selected students from each school will perform their raps and recite their poems in front of all those present.

Click [\[HERE\]](#) to view an informational video on **WRaPParound**

For further information on **WRaPParound** please contact
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WRaPParound 2015/2016 – Who can take part?

Participation in **WRaPParound** is open to all JCSP schools. There will be two participation strands:

1. WRaPParound

The established **WRaPParound** initiative which will run in the same way as previous years:

- School organises poetry/rap workshops
- All costs are covered by the school (schools can use JCSP Writer in Residence Initiative funding to engage a poet)
- Poems/raps can be on any theme and must be original
- Individual/Group invited to perform at the **WRaPParound Wrap** event
- All students awarded Certificates of Participation

Schools wishing to take part must register by completing **SECTION A** of the **WRaPParound 2015/2016 Registration Form**

Closing date for receipt of entries: 14th December 2015

2. WRaPParound the World



Through the continued support of **Trócaire's Mobilising for Justice Scheme**, we are delighted to be able to offer the **WRaPParound the World** strand of the initiative again this year. This year's theme will be '**Forced to Flee**' (Refugees, Asylum seekers, Migration, Global justice, Human rights, etc.). The JCSP Library Project, in conjunction with Poetry Ireland and Trócaire, are looking for the right secondary schools to take part in **WRaPParound the World 2015/2016**. Selected schools will receive the following:

- An established poet/rap artist will be assigned to the school to lead poetry/rap workshops with an identified group of students, to mentor students in their writing and to prepare students for oral performance of their poetry.
- Workshop costs will be covered by the Project
- Trócaire will facilitate an in-school Development Education workshop with participating students on the theme of **WRaPParound the World**
- A toolkit of relevant links and resources will be provided to participating schools
- Poems/raps must be on the **WRaPParound the World** theme of '**Forced to Flee**' and must be original
- Individual/Group invited to perform at the **WRaPParound Wrap** event
- All students awarded Certificates of Participation
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Schools wishing to apply for **WRaPParound the World** funding must complete **SECTION A** and **SECTION B** of the **WRaPParound the World Registration Form**.

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WRaPParound – Funding Options:

1. School Library funding (JCSP Demonstration Library Project schools only)
2. JCSP Writer in Residence Initiative funding (if approved for this Initiative)
3. Trócaire *WRaPParound the World* funding (if approved)
4. School funding

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