



Ceol Ballyfermot was founded in 1998 as a local initiative to develop music at primary school level. Evaluations proved the success of their efforts, not just in music, but also in improving attendance rates and overall academic ability.

In 2005, Ceol Ballyfermot further developed its programmes, with the introduction of the After Schools programme, where instrumental tuition is given in Kylemore College.

In 2006, Social Entrepreneurs Ireland challenged director Carmel Dunne and Ali Giusti to take the Ceol model and to roll it out across the country. This challenge inspired the Ceol Team to record Ceol's methodologies, lesson plans and resources. The aim was to create a systematic, experiential and incremental approach to teaching and learning music that would be accessible to those with, or without, a musical background.

The resulting programmes were then piloted amongst 60 primary school teachers, in 2007. These teachers were trained by Ceol Ireland to deliver the Ceol Programme in their classrooms. The results of the pilot were outstanding.

Today, Ceol Ireland is working with over 160 teachers, across the four provinces of Ireland, enabling teachers to learn and to teach music of the highest quality within their classrooms. Over 4,500 children are now benefiting from music education through Ceol Ireland.

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