

Community/Social Entrepreneurship Award



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The Sound of Triumph

Ceol Ireland was set up in 2006 by Carmel Dunne with the aim of fostering the development of musical skill, understanding and knowledge among teachers and students in Ireland. A survey carried out by Ceol showed that over 50% of primary level principals and teachers think music is not well taught in Ireland due to the lack of professional development and appropriate teaching

resources. Ceol developed an independently evaluated, innovative approach to music teaching, whereby non-music literate teachers can be instructed how to teach music to children. Ceol's programme was piloted in 2007 and packaged and launched to schools and teachers in 2008. Within 3 months 150 teachers across Ireland were being trained using the Ceol music programmes.