



Request for participation: TALIS Starting Strong

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ireland is participating in the Starting Strong module of the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS Starting Strong) 2024, coordinated by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). TALIS Starting Strong is an international survey that offers the opportunity for staff and leaders to provide input into Early Learning and Care (ELC) analysis and policy development. A field trial for this survey is being held from February - March 2023.

What is TALIS Starting Strong?

TALIS Starting Strong aims to collect data on a range of characteristics of ELC staff and settings. Understanding children's play and learning environments as well as staff training and work experiences are of particular interest. Included are some materials that will give you an overview of the project.

Who takes part?

ELC settings such as yours from across the State are being randomly selected for inclusion in this field trial. By participating you will help ensure that the main study in 2024 will be a success. To achieve a representative sample from Ireland, it is very important that your ELC setting participates in TALIS Starting Strong. The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth is aware that a number of ELC settings have been selected for the field trial.

Some or all staff members and the setting leader will be asked to contribute to the TALIS Starting Strong field trial. The survey must be completed online by 31st March 2023 and will take about 60 minutes to complete. Every participant will receive a sealed envelope with individualised login information.

Confidentiality

TALIS Starting Strong publications will never refer to individual staff members or ELC settings. The confidentiality of your information is guaranteed in law under the Statistics Act, 1993. Here is the link to more information about the survey including the transparency notice: <https://link.cso.ie/talisinfo>

What we need from you

To conduct the survey, we will need your support. To select a random sample of staff members from your ELC setting, we need a liaison person at your ELC setting to support us and act as the ELC Setting Coordinator. Detailed information about the survey and the tasks to perform for this role are outlined in the ELC Setting Coordinator manual which is included in your pack.

We greatly value your support and appreciate your cooperation in this important survey. If you have any questions concerning the project, please contact us at talis@cso.ie or by phone at **021 453 5110**.

Yours sincerely,

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Iarraidh ar rannpháirtíocht: TALIS Ag Tosú go Láidir

A Chara,

Tá Éire ag glacadh páirt sa Suirbhé Idirnáisiúnta Teagaisc agus Foghlama Ag Tosú go Láidir (TALIS Ag Tosú go Láidir) 2024, arna chomhordú ag an Eagraíocht um Chomhar agus Forbairt Eacnamaíochta (OECD). Is suirbhé idirnáisiúnta é TALIS Ag Tosú go Láidir a thugann deis don fhoireann agus do cheannairí ionchur a chur ar fáil san Earnáil Luathfoghhlama agus Cúraim (ELC) agus i bhforbairt beartais. Tá triail allamuigh don suirbhé seo á réachtáil ó Feabhra - Márta 2023.

Cad é TALIS Ag Tosú go Láidir?

Tá sé mar aidhm ag TALIS Ag Tosú go Láidir sonraí a bhailiú ar raon saintréithe maidir le foireann agus suíomhanna ELC. Is díol spéise ar leith iad timpeallachtaí súgartha agus foghlama leanaí chomh maith le hoiliúint foirne agus eispéiris oibre. San áireamh tá roinnt ábhar a thabharfaidh léargas duit ar an tionscadal.

Cé a ghlacann páirt?

Tá suíomhanna ELC mar do chuid féin ar fud on Stáit á roghnú go randamach le cur san áireamh sa triail allamuigh seo. Trí pháirt a ghlacadh, beidh tú ag cabhrú linn lena chinntiú go mbeidh rath leis an staidéar in 2024. Chun sampla ionadaíoch d'Éirinn a bhaint amach, tá sé an-tábhachtach go nglacfaidh do shuíomh ELC páirt in TALIS Ag Tosú go Láidir. Tá an Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige (DCEDIY) ar an eolas go bhfuil roinnt suíomhanna ELC roghnaithe don triail allamuigh.

Iarrfar ar cheannaire an tsuímh agus ar roinnt nó ar gach ball foirne páirt a ghlacadh in TALIS Ag Tosú go Láidir triail allamuigh. Ní mór an suirbhé a chomhlánú ar líne faoin 31 Márta 2023 agus tógfaidh sé thart ar 60 nóiméad lena chur i gcrích. Gheobhaidh gach rannpháirtí clúdach séalaithe ina mbeidh faisnéis logála isteach indibhidiúlaithe.

Rúndacht

Ní dhéanfaidh Foilseacháin TALIS Ag Tosú go Láidir tagairt do bhaill foirne aonair ná do shuíomhanna ELC. Tá rúndacht do chuid faisnéise ráthaithe sa dlí faoin Acht Staidrimh, 1993. Seo nasc chuig tuilleadh eolais faoin suirbhé lena n-áirítear an fógra trédhearcachta: <https://link.cso.ie/talisinfo>

Cad a theastaíonn uainn uaitse?

Chun an suirbhé a dhéanamh, beidh do chuid tacaíochta ag teastáil uainn. Chun sampla randamach de bhaill foirne do shuíomh ELC a roghnú, teastaíonn duine idirghabhálaí uainn ag do shuíomh ELC chun tacú linn agus gníomhú mar Chomhordaitheoir Suímh ELC. Tá eolas mionsonraithe faoin suirbhé agus na tascanna atá le déanamh don ról seo leagtha amach sa lámhleabhar don Chomhordaitheoir Suímh ELC atá san áireamh i do phacáiste.

Is mór againn do thacaíocht agus is mór againn do chomhoibriú sa suirbhé tábhachtach seo. Má tá aon cheist ghinearálta agat maidir leis an tionscadal, déan teagmháil linn ag TALIS@cso.ie nó ar an bhfón ag **021 453 5110**.

Is mise, le meas,

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