

# Current research with Limerick schools, providers and communities, an overview of two research projects, 'How are our kids?' and the 'OSCAILT' report

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'How Are Our Kids?' is a strategic research project commissioned through the Limerick Children's Services Committee to examine the quality of children's lives in the city. Professor Des Mc Cafferty and Dr Ann Higgins (on behalf of MIC) along with an independent external consultant, Dr. Eileen Humphreys, were successful in our tender for this work. This work is designed to inform policy in Limerick. OSCAILT is a network of the 22 DEIS band 1 schools and the DES facilitated by TED. These schools have, through the DES received 1.7 million over a 3 year period to 'Maximise community use of their school facilities and premises'. The OSCAILT report tracks the development, rollout and impact of this initiative.