



## **Co. Louth Campaign History for a Gaelcholáiste**

- 2005 Campaign for gaelcholáiste started by local parents
- 2009 Support from Dept. of Education Secretary General pushes Louth VEC to examine feasibility
- 2010 Report finalised and recommends standalone gaelcholáiste. Application made to Dept.
- 2012 Approval given by Dept of Education and publicly announced by CEO of Louth VEC
- 2013 Coláiste Lú opened by Louth-Meath ETB, who then tell parents it has been downgraded to unit within a new large English medium school, which is due to open in 2014. Guarantees given by CEO that immersive Irish medium education will not be affected.
- 2018 Principal changes and parents soon raise concerns about changes to school ethos
- 2019 New school year starts with only one subject taught in Irish. Public protests follow. Principal and Patron uncompromising. Aonad effectively closed. Application for gaelcholáiste under new patron lodged with Dept. of Education
- 2021 Dept grant approval in March, but too late to open until Sept. 2022. Parents told must source own school premises – No Dept. of Education support forthcoming. LMETB is hostile and refuse to assist with temporary premises.

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