



European Commission

Aquaculture Remote Classroom (Ireland)

The Aquaculture Remote Classroom (ARC) is a mobile classroom which has been designed to raise young people's awareness of aquaculture. The classroom is supported by 4 online lessons, regular webinars direct to schools and a range of learning resources such as the ARC Poster and the ARC workbook. The ARC is available to schools completely free of charge.



Yes, the ARC is literally a truck- sized classroom. The ARC travels all around Ireland, visiting primary schools and sharing all that aquaculture has to offer. The ARC is completely funded through the EU and so is free for primary schools

Bord Iascaigh Mhara has developed the ARC as part of a European wide campaign called #FarmedintheEU. Although this project has been carried out in 10 other EU countries, Ireland is the only one that has developed a mobile classroom. *Farmed in the EU* aims to highlight the benefits of aquaculture in supplying sustainable seafood for the growing population, creating employment and helping sustain coastal communities in Ireland and all over the world.

<https://bim.ie/a-seafood-way-of-life/the-arc/a-seafood-way-of-life-the-arc-resources/>



2019

- 220 expressions of interest from primary schools nationwide
- ARC visited 48 primary schools, predominantly in coastal regions, to deliver aquaculture workshops to 1 710 students

2020

- 240 expressions of interest
- 500 registered leads
- ARC visited 8 schools in Wicklow, Wexford, and Waterford and delivered aquaculture workshops to 512 students.
- 260 hits combined and approx. 404 students have completed the interactive quiz that follows the video lesson.
- 5 webinars to 3 392 students nationwide.

2021

- ARC hosted 23 webinars to 1 196 students.
- ARC educators delivered 28 webinars to 4 584 students nationwide.

2022

- 15 ARC@School workshops were delivered to 405 students. The ARC attended 7 public outreach events and engaged with 7 155 individuals.



TOTAL NO. OF INDIVIDUAL ENGAGEMENTS

2019	2020	2021	2022 (Jan-June)
4 851	6 056	4 904	13 410



FAMENET

The ARC programme is funded through the knowledge Gateway Scheme which is established under Union Priority 2 of Ireland's Operational Programme under the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and is co-funded by the Irish Government and the EU.



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