Proclamation Day: A Message from Minister O’Sullivan:

As Proclamation Day approaches on March 15th, I want to thank all our schools, teachers and young people for their engagement with the 2016 commemorative programme, particularly under the Youth and Imagination strand in which the Department of Education and Skills has been a key partner.

This engagement has happened at local, regional and national level, and will continue to do so well into this year of commemoration. Many, many people have put tremendous time, effort and imagination into supporting schools, and I would particularly like to thank the thousands of teachers who have been organising, planning, preparing and teaching about the events of 100 years ago. You have been thoughtful, creative and balanced in your approaches, and have enabled our youth to remember 1916 but also to reflect on it and to consider the sort of Ireland they want to work towards in the future. That is what this year is all about.

Next Tuesday, March 15th, schools have another opportunity to reflect on this important year of commemoration, and to devote considerable time on the day to activities and events that will best help their young people, and communities, to commemorate, enjoy and learn from the past. If you are still searching for inspiration, I would definitely suggest checking out the ideas on www.Scoilnet.ie/Ireland2016 or on www.Ireland2016.ie. May I wish you all the very best for the day, and thank everyone again for the great work that you have done under this commemorative programme.