



Education

Policies

- **Introduce Civic, Legal, and Political Literacy in Transition Year** Support the introduction of a mandatory Transition Year module focused on civic, legal, and political literacy — including practical knowledge of the Constitution, Irish democracy, and how our institutions function. Young people are exposed to politics earlier than ever before, but often through social media platforms where misinformation thrives. We must ensure that schools provide a balanced, evidence-based understanding of how democracy works. This is a smart, future-focused reform — one that empowers students to become informed, engaged citizens and reflects Young Fine Gael’s commitment to strengthening democracy through education.
- **Introduce Social Workers in Schools** Call for the introduction of dedicated social workers in schools to support students, families, and wider school communities. Teachers are increasingly expected to manage complex social and emotional challenges that extend far beyond the classroom. Embedding trained social workers within the education system would ensure vulnerable students get timely support, reduce pressure on teaching staff, and strengthen school wellbeing as a whole. This is a compassionate, preventative measure — one that reflects Young Fine Gael’s commitment to holistic education and child-centred support.
- **Modern Consent and Relationships Education** The introduction of mandatory, inclusive relationships and consent education in all post-primary schools, with a strong emphasis on digital safety, respectful communication, and real-world scenarios. Young people today are navigating relationships in an online and offline world where boundaries, privacy, and respect must be clearly taught and upheld. This reform would equip students with the emotional intelligence, critical thinking, and empathy needed to build healthy relationships and prevent harm — both in-person and across digital platforms.

- Increased DEIS funding, get rid of barriers