I'm a Teacher: Why join T-REX?



- 1. Connect beyond your classroom/educational settings Build relationships with teachers and researchers across the island. Find colleagues and academics investigating the very challenges you face in your school, classroom or educational setting. Tell them the questions you want answered and collaborate to find solutions together. Unlike social media or general teacher forums, T-REX links you directly to active research projects and academic researchers, ensuring your concerns can influence real studies.
- 2. Find your people and start your own SIG Join Special Interest Groups (SIGs) on leadership, wellbeing, early childhood education, inclusion, reflective practice, Al and more. Or set up your own and we can help you promote it. T-REX SIGs are searchable and discoverable by topic, making it simple to connect with teachers and researchers across Ireland who share your interests. On T-REX you can focus on meaningful professional discussions without the noise or privacy concerns of social media platforms. With shared calendars, document repositories, and threaded discussion forums, T-REX SIGs provide structured spaces for planning, sharing, and documenting collaborative projects far beyond what simple chat apps can offer.



- 3. *Professional learning that counts* Gain recognition with our **Digital Badge courses** and apply research-informed strategies that address the issues that directly affect you in your educational settings.
- (1) Using evidence to support wellbeing in educational settings
- (2) Using Evidence to Address Educational Disadvantage
- 4. Build your own research skills Use Digital Badges, Research Stories, Short Courses, and practical resources to access, interpret, and carry out your own research. T-REX learning resources equip you to be a research partner, not just a consumer.
- 5. Stay Current: Learn through **T-REX Focus Weeks** and **Webinars** on the big issues facing educators today.



- 5. Access Relevant Research T-REX doesn't lock research behind paywalls and encourages researchers to share research that is readable during a five-minute lunch break. Our ever-growing T-REX Library, including our E-poster Bytes, allow you to explore research findings from Irish classrooms, schools and educational settings created by academic researchers, teachers and student teachers.
- 6. Share your own learning Publish your own work and findings in the T-REX Library or through T-REX Bytes and help evidence travel from classrooms to colleagues. Whether it's an undergraduate dissertation, M.Ed or PhD thesis, or work from School Self-Evaluation or Professional Learning/Inquiry, your insights can benefit other teachers and researchers. Few other platforms encourage teachers to publish and celebrate their research work. Every extra person who reads your work multiplies the value of it.

Shape the Research Agenda - Share your questions, your insights, your frustrations from the classroom/educational setting with education researchers. T-REX recognises **teachers as research partners**, not just participants or research consumers. By engaging and sharing your voice, you help shape the evidence that can make a real difference in classrooms and educational settings across Ireland.