

BUZZ 2

Oonagh Young Galley Project

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BUZZ 2 was launched yesterday in St Agnes' primary school, Crumlin. Following on from the success of the first edition of BUZZ, Oonagh Young was asked to produce a comic for two schools situated on opposite sides of a road: St Agnes' (girls) and Scoil Colm (boys). Working with Oonagh Young and Damien McKenna, a play therapist, the children discussed leaving primary school and explored their hopes and worries about this big change. In the process, their own resilience became evident through the support they receive from families and friends.

Illustrated by Philip Barrett, Sarah Bowie and Fintan Taite, the language and stories in the comic came directly from the children themselves. The integrity of their voice remains imperative to the publication.

BUZZ was devised and produced by Oonagh Young to reflect the real lives of children today using their own stories. While BUZZ 1 reflected on the daily lives of children growing up in the city centre - family life, attending school, playing etc. - BUZZ 2 looks at a shared experience of transition in young people's lives.

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