Innovative Solutions Support
Project Guide – Unique Projects

What are Unique Projects?

Unique Projects are projects that meet the criteria for Innovative Solutions Support (i.e.: lead to the genuine inclusion of a child/ren with additional needs and/or enhance the inclusion capacity of educators in relation to a particular cohort) but do not fit into one of the other four Project Types (Bi-lingual Support, Cultural Mentoring, Specialised Training and Advice, Guided Practice).

The Unique Projects project type is designed to allow services to be innovative and flexible in designing a support solution that meets their own specific needs. Unique Projects may include new or unique approaches to inclusion or combine elements from several different project types. They are usually highly specific to the context of the service/s involved.

Developing a Unique Project

In developing a Unique Project, services should work closely with their Inclusion Professional and their chosen support provider. Their IP will be able to provide guidance about what kinds of projects are possible under Innovative Solutions Support.

In developing the project all parties should keep the ISP Guidelines in mind in order to ensure that the proposed project leads to clear inclusion outcomes for children and/or increased inclusion capacity for educators.

Unique Projects and the Strategic Inclusion Plan

In order to access Innovative Solutions Support it is expected that a service will have an up to date Strategic Inclusion Plan (SIP), with current Barriers to inclusion identified and Strategies and Actions developed to address the Barriers.

Where a service is applying for a Unique Project, there should be a clear alignment between the barriers and strategies identified in the SIP and the proposed project.

Applying for a Unique Project

The Unique Project application process is similar to that for the other project types but does require some additional information. This is because each Unique Project will be different and may not have been implemented previously. The application processes for the other Project Types are based on the common features of these projects that have a proven record of success and are able to be more streamlined as a result.

For Unique Projects services will need to provide an explanation of, and rationale for, what they plan to do. This should show how the project will meet the guidelines for Innovative Solutions Support. It should also demonstrate that the project represents value for money and show that it has a likely chance of success.