



For Notice Board

The Education Centre, Tralee Local Professional Development Programme

Summer Courses 2016

**THE EDUCATION CENTRE,
DROMTACKER, TRALEE**

066 - 7195000

www.edcentreralee.ie

REGISTRATION FEE = €50.00

DURATION - 9.30am- 2.00pm DAILY

EPV DAYS

TEACHERS WHO ATTEND THE FULL 20 HOUR SUMMER COURSE WILL QUALIFY FOR 3 EXTRA PERSONAL VACATION DAYS.

To book a place on any of these courses please register and then book online at :
www.edcentreralee.ie

These Courses are supported by the Teacher Education Section which is funded by The Department of Education and Skills under the National Development Plan

The Living Classroom Learning through Gardening

Venue: Gortbrack Organic Farm, Ballyseedy, Tralee.
Date: 4th – 8th July 2016
Presenters: Ian McGrigor



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A homemade organic lunch using vegetables from the farm will be provided each day.

Booking Code: 16TRA0026



Aistear

Venue: The Education Centre Dromtacker Tralee
Dates: 4th – 8th July 2016
Presenters: Bríd O'Shea

Looking for new ideas for teaching literacy and mathematics in a fun way? Or perhaps, thinking about teaching through PLAY? If so, then register for this action-packed Summer Course, which has been designed by the Network of Education Centres in collaboration with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA).

This course explores *Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework* (NCCA, 2009) and provides lots of practical ideas for using *Aistear* and specifically the play guidelines, in your INFANT classroom. Take a look at other teachers' resources for play and find out how they plan for, resource, support and assess children's learning through play. Gather new ideas for developing young children's oral language, emergent writing and mathematical learning.

This course will also link closely with the new Primary Language Curriculum for Junior Infants –Second Class

You will also hear about a variety of resources available on the NCCA's website which could be very useful in your school's work.

Booking Code: 16TRA0027



MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF ART

Venue: The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney Co Kerry

Dates: 4th - 8th July 2016

Presenter: Nikki Roberts

This course provides the participants with tools to support their own mental health and wellbeing and that of their students through the medium of art and meditative practices.

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Booking Code: 16TRA0028



Visual Arts for the Classroom

Venue: The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney

Dates: 4th – 8th July 2016

Presenters: Sheila Hoare & Anne Beechinor



Forget about complex projects on Pinterest or your old templates that you are tired of repeating year on year. This course will bring the joy back to your weekly arts and crafts classes.

We will explore upcycling, junk art, whole class wall displays, print making, sewing made simple, construction ideas, weaving and 3D clay projects to name just a few!

While we craft and create we will focus on the key messages of the Visual Arts curriculum including all 6 strands and strand units.

We will explore fresh ideas and doable projects that meet the aims and objectives of the Curriculum for each class level. The integration of literacy and numeracy in a manner that is unique to the arts will be explored.

The course will be presented by Anne Beechinor and Sheila Hoare, both experienced teachers with a particular love and interest in developing the arts in primary schools.

Testimonials

"This course far exceeded my expectations . Very practical ideas , very helpful to get a full list of all materials needed , would highly recommend this course to all teachers " participant Tralee 2012 "Probably the most useful Summer course I've done in 25 years " participant Laois Education Centre 2013. This course has boosted my confidence and re-awakened my creativity -

brilliant opportunity to explore the visual arts " participant Killarney 2013



Booking Code: 16TRA0029

A Problem Solving Approach to Teaching and Learning Maths for 1st – 6th Class Teachers



Venue: Fossa NS Killarney Co Kerry

Dates: 4th – 8th July 2016

Presented by the PDST Primary Numeracy Team

Teachers, Maths class can be the best part of you and your pupils' day!

This PDST Summer course will greatly enhance the maths teaching and learning in your classroom. Experienced PDST advisors have designed a course to give teachers practical maths ideas for each class level from 1st – 6th. It emphasises the necessity of hands-on experiences and talk and discussion, for enhancing pupils' understanding of maths concepts with problem solving as a core purpose of maths teaching and learning. Covering Measures, Fractions, Place-value, Shape and Space, Mental Maths with a Problem Solving focus interwoven throughout the week, your pupils will be communicating, reasoning and problem solving with a new confidence in their abilities and an understanding that there are multiple strategies and solutions to real-life maths problems. A variety of assessment opportunities, including journaling and pupil self-assessment will also be explored. You will leave this course with a bank of ideas and a renewed enthusiasm for hands-on maths teaching with your pupils.

Booking Code: 16TRA0030



Using Rhythm in the Classroom

Venue: St Brendan's NS Blennerville Tralee Co Kerry

Dates: 4th – 8th July 2016

Presenter: Martin Schaerer

This course is designed to build the repertoire of Primary school teachers in teaching Music as well as introducing new ideas, methods and skills that can be used to integrate Music into literacy (oral language skills, listening and responding, following directions, communication skills, sound identification, develop auditory memory), numeracy (counting, skip counting, multiplication), PE (coordination, balance, kin-aesthetic activity), social and personal development, icebreakers, transitions, movement breaks, refreshers, etc.

Teachers will be introduced to active and fun rhythmical activities such as body percussion, making up rhythms using words, cup rhythms on tables and songs and games, which they can use in their classrooms. The course is designed to make the content easily assessable to teachers through hands on activities and practical application of learning.

Facilitator: The course is facilitated by Martin Schaerer (PercussionWorkshop.ie) who is an experienced teacher, workshop facilitator and performer.



Booking Code: 16TRA0031

Gaelic Games - enhancing the delivery of PE, and Integration with other subjects



Venue: CBS Primary School, Clonalour, Tralee Co Kerry
Dates: 4th – 8th July - Face to Face
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th July – online

Presenter: GAA Games Development staff and tutors

This GAA Teacher Summer Course is a new blended course using the Association's new Learning and Development Community Portal available at www.learning.gaa.ie/. The face-to-face element runs over three days and approximately eight hours online training has to be completed thereafter. Being largely practical-based, it aims to introduce teachers to Gaelic games - hurling, Gaelic football, camogie, ladies Gaelic football, handball and rounders. The main objective of the courses is the advancement of teachers' pedagogical, teaching, learning and management skills in the context of the primary school Physical Education (PE) Curriculum. Furthermore participants will develop the ability to deliver elements of the PE curriculum through the medium of Gaelic games. An emphasis on numeracy and literacy programmes highlight the opportunity to integrate PE through a teaching curriculum by using the various resources developed by the GAA. **Booking Code: 16TRA0032**

Developing Skills for Leadership roles in school communities

Venue: St Brigid's Secondary School Killarney
Dates: 4th - 8th July 2016
Presenter: Bill Reidy

This course is suitable for both Primary & Post-Primary teachers.

The course aims to present all involved at any level of school leadership: teams, departments or whole school level, with a theoretical and practical base to develop and evaluate their own leadership skills.

This course will support leaders and potential leaders to enhance their knowledge and skills and develop positive and authentic leadership approaches in their present or future roles. It will highlight the importance of a focus on Leadership development in schools and prepare participants to engage in the Evaluation of Leadership as an element of school improvement and development. **Booking Code: 16TRA0033**

Cooperative Learning in the Junior Classrooms

Venue: The Education Centre Dromtacker Tralee
Dates: 4th - 8th July 2016
Presenters: Lisa Hanlon & Maoliosa Quinn

Make your life easier through the implementation of cooperative learning methodologies and structures in your classrooms! Cooperative learning fosters a positive classroom atmosphere as it promotes team work which is conducive to improved learning. Teachers' workload is reduced as pupils take on the responsibility of classroom structures and tasks. Cooperative learning reduces the endless need for resources in the junior classroom as the pupils learn to share resources and help each other to succeed. This course will also develop ICT skills, enable teachers to maximise parental involvement and model the implementation of a Peer Mediation Programme with their classes. Peer mediation is an effective method of resolving conflicts between pupils and leads to a more worthwhile use of teachers' time. This will be a practical course which will ensure that teachers will be able to apply the skills and strategies learned upon its completion. Teachers will become confident and eager to use cooperative learning methodologies upon their return to school in September.

Booking Code: 16TRA0033

Teaching Creative Dance Made Easy



Venue: Presentation Primary School, Castle St Tralee Co Kerry
Dates: 4th - 8th July 2016
Presenter: Maria Svensson

This course will specifically explore the dance strand within the Curriculum and increase appreciation and understanding of its importance for children. Participants will focus on understanding the basic principles of movement from a theoretical and practical point of view i.e. body action, dynamics, space and relationships, which are essential for the child's development in dance. Meaningful collaborative workshops and pair work will increase the teacher confidence and support them to improve their teaching in regards to dance creation, exploration and performance. Moreover, the course will specifically examine linking dance with the overall curriculum and the manner in which students can actively learn by focusing on a specific theme or subject. The course involves: Group discussions, practical exercises relating to the principles of movement and focusing on body action and space in particular. Other aspects included are an Introduction to phrasing in dance, the use of music as a stimulus and support, storytelling through dance, thematic development, structuring, planning and assessing a dance class.

Maria Svensson is currently Dance Artist in Residence with Kerry County Council and has worked in both Primary and Secondary Schools in Ireland and in her native Sweden. Maria has extensive experience working with students and teachers to incorporate movement and dance into the daily class environment. She holds a BA (Hons) in Dance Theatre from TrinityLaban. Maria focuses on the enjoyment and importance of dancing together in building confidence, relationships and simple social skills. **Booking Code: 16TRA0035**

AUGUST 2016

The Living Classroom



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There is a delicious homemade organic lunch every day demonstrating the link between growing, harvesting and cooking vegetables from the school organic garden.

Booking Code: 16TRA0036



Pathways to 1916: Honouring the narrative of everyone on the Island

Venue: The Education Centre Tralee
Dates: 22nd – 26th August 2016
Presenter: Karen Trench

This course explores the theme of the Easter Rising and the preceding years using primary sources. From events and personalities, to songs and everyday life, this course offers a variety of practical ideas, activities and materials for the busy teacher. **Booking Code: 16TRA0037**

Literacy Through the Lens of Science, English and Visual Arts

Venue: The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney
Dates: 22nd – 26th August 2016
Presenter: Dr Mairead Hennessy

This innovative and practical course focuses on enhancing literacy through a diverse range of art, science, writing and oral language activities. A myriad of ideas and strategies will be presented, including, the ‘magic’ bucket, the great fossil find, the world’s tallest towers, electricity, materials, fabric and fibre creations, using oil pastels, exploring clay, drawing from observation and creating literacy games. Participants will explore writing across the curriculum, co-operative learning, thematic teaching and active learning methodologies. The course is most suitable for teachers from 2nd to 6th classes and SEN teachers. Please bring a USB key to avail of the course material. **Booking Code: 16TRA0038**

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Teaching Children to Move Well and Move Often



Venue: St Johns NS Kenmare

Dates: 22nd – 26th August 2016

Presenter: Grace Crowley (PDST Associate)

This PDST summer course will greatly enhance PE teaching and learning in your classroom. Experienced PDST advisors and associates have designed a course to give teachers practical PE ideas for each class level from Infants – Sixth Class. Covering Athletics, Gymnastics, Games and Dance with a focus on fundamental movement skills interwoven through the week, your pupils will become aware of how to move and the importance of moving well for life long participation in physical activity.

Booking Code: 16TRA0040

Skills for Listening to & Supporting those in the School Community



Venue: Tech Amergin Waterville Co Kerry

Dates: 22nd – 26th August 2016

Presenter: Maeve Hurley Ag Eisteacht

Ag Eisteacht's summer course is custom designed to assist teachers to actively foster well-being in the school community. The training focuses on approaches to building positive relationships and creating a supportive school environment. It features a recognised, evidence based intervention model – Brief Encounters® which enables those who use it to respond sensitively and appropriately to peers, parents and others who may 'turn to' them for support. The programme explores a range of relational topics including, family diversity in Ireland, the impact of family relationships on children's health and well-being and conflict - particularly its impact on adult, child and community well-being.

It is a lively, fast moving, participative course that is co-facilitated by two experienced trainers using tried and tested trainer inputs, audio-visual learning, small group work and experiential exercises. **Booking Code: 16TRA0041**

Placing the creative process at the heart of learning

Venue: To be advised

Dates: 22nd – 26th August 2016

Presenter: Kids' Own Childrens' Publishing Partnership,

This course offered by Kids' Own Childrens' Publishing Partnership aims to equip teachers with confidence and skills in relation to their own approaches to working with children in the classroom.

The key aims of the course are:

To enable teachers to experience approaches that place the creative process at the heart of learning;

To equip participants with the confidence to make space for the child's voice within the classroom;

To support a process of developing themes and ideas in a spirit of experimentation;

To explore how children can take an active part in their own learning and

To encourage and value children's individual original thoughts and responses within the classroom

Facilitators: Led by artists Orla Kenny and Ann Donnelly, this course has a strong focus on the creative process and will be of interest to teachers who have a particular interest in cross-curricular and blended learning approaches.

Kid's Own Children's Publishing Company are publishers of such books as; 'The Magic Within', 'Grandad built our house' 'Ocean Safety'

Booking Code: 16TRA0042