

An Introduction to Aistear for Infant Teachers and Principals

This course will introduce teachers and Principals to *Aistear* and look at how some of the key ideas in *Aistear* can be used with the Primary School Curriculum. This course will also describe and show how play can be used to support students' learning in Infant classrooms, and give guidelines on using the *Aistear* approach during the hour of student-led play and using playful activities throughout the day.

Date: Wednesday 9th November 2016
Time: 4.30 - 6.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Joan Carroll

Participants are asked to bring their copy of Aistear: The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2009) with them.

The Reading and Writing Process Using ICT

Practical online resources which can build and foster students' skills in reading comprehension, oral language, writing and vocabulary at all class levels.

Date: Tuesday 6th December 2016
Time: 3.30 - 5.30p.m.
Venue: Marymount N.S., The Rower, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny.
Tutor: Caoimhe Doyle

Embedding ICT into Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Session 1: This practical workshop will introduce participants at all class levels to ways in which ICT can be easily integrated into daily teaching practices. The workshop will investigate the use of a range of literacy and numeracy related websites and resources which can add to active learning in the classroom.

Session 2: This practical workshop will introduce participants at all class levels to ways in which ICT can be easily integrated into daily practices. The workshop will investigate the use of a range of SESE and wider curriculum related websites and resources which can add to active learning in the classroom.

Dates: Monday 14th November *and* Monday 21st November 2016
Time: 7.00 - 9.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Sinéad Murphy

Occupational First Aid at Work QQI Level 5 (Appointed Person)

This Occupational First Aid course aims to train participants in the types of injuries and First Aid emergencies that can occur in the workplace. This course complies with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (General Applications 2007, SI No. 229/2007) and certification is valid for two years and includes AED (Defibrillation) training as per FETAC QQI Level 5.

Dates: Tuesday 15th November (5.00 - 8.15p.m.), Saturday 19th November (9.30 - 4.30p.m.), Tuesday 22nd November (5.00 - 8.00p.m.), Tuesday 29th November (5.00 - 8.15p.m.) *and* Saturday 3rd December 2016 (9.30 - 4.30p.m.)
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Michael Kinsella, Lifesaver Training
Fee: €125

Only 10 places available.

Aistear: Planning and Organising for Play and Playful Activities

This course will explore what *Aistear: The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2009)* says about play, including different types of play and introducing the idea of an hour of student-led play each day in single-grade and multi-grade classrooms. It will also offer practical ideas for creating a playful classroom and for planning space, resources and time.

Date: Wednesday 16th November 2016
Time: 4.30 - 6.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Mary McElligott

Participants are asked to bring their copy of Aistear: The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2009) with them.

FÍS: Film-Making in the Classroom Information Session

The FÍS Project involves teachers making a short film (five minutes or less) with their class. The process involves a number of steps; deciding on a story, writing a script, creating a storyboard for filming, assigning roles (technical and acting), film editing and finalising the film. Each year at the end of May, participating teachers and their classes gather to celebrate the work at a local FÍS Showcase. This course is an introduction workshop for teachers who wish to get involved in the Project for the 2016-17 school year.

Date: Wednesday 16th November 2016
Time: 7.00 - 9.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Willie McTiernan

Confidence in Singing for Teachers

This course will improve participant's own singing skills, enable them to enjoy singing more and maximise the benefits of singing for learning and communications skills. Participants will learn fun exercises that boost confidence with students and understand challenges students have with singing.

Dates: Monday 21st November *and* Thursday 1st December 2016
Time: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Aideen Ni Riada

Primary Mental Health Awareness Initiative (MHAI)

This two hour course explores how teachers can help to support and promote the mental health and well-being of all of the students in their class. The concept of being One Good Adult in the lives of students will be discussed, and how teachers can fulfil this role. The course will also explore elements of the *Well-Being Guidelines for Primary Schools* and offer practical tips on how best to support and promote the mental health of students in their care.

Date: Wednesday 23rd November 2016
Time: 4.00 - 6.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutors: Jill Mulligan, Geraldine Nolan and Carmel Smith

Suitable for Fifth and Sixth Class Teachers only.

Aistear: Language and Literacy through Play and Playful Activities

This course will focus on supporting students' language and literacy through student-led play and playful activities and identify ways to assess students' language and literacy through play. Exploring how a play methodology can be used with the new Primary Language Curriculum and looking at practical ideas for working with parents to support their children's language and literacy will also be explored.

Date: Wednesday 23rd November 2016
Time: 4.30 - 6.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Fiona Corr

Participants are asked to bring their copy of Aistear: The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2009) with them.

Introduction to Mindfulness and Wellbeing for Teachers and Students

This introductory course for teachers will focus on the SPHE curriculum and will provide theory, practice and resources for teachers and students to build resilience and to uncover new resources for teaching elements of the SPHE programme more mindfully. This course aims to give participants an understanding of the potential positive impact of mindfulness on both the teacher and the student, and an awareness of the importance of the teacher developing a mindfulness practice.

Dates: Wednesday 23rd November *and* Wednesday 7th December 2016
Time: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Dee Hennessy

Maths Eyes and Green Maths

This course explores Mathematics in the 'real' world through "Maths Eyes" and "Green Maths". Students are encouraged to put on their Maths Eyes and discover maths in the real world through maths trails, investigations and problem-solving pictures and posters from their immediate environment. Green Maths allows students to relate mathematics to their world through pursuing a set of activities involved in designing and building a house which is as 'green' as possible, using concepts of sustainability.

Date: Thursday 24th November 2016
Time: 5.00 - 7.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Shauna McNamara and Natasha Phelan

Paper Circuit Christmas Cards

Light up circuit cards, an ideal Christmas STEM activity! This activity based course will show participants how to construct amazing light up circuit cards. The basic circuit is very straightforward using LED's, a coin battery and conductive copper tape and is an easy to execute class activity which links directly to the Primary Science Curriculum. This lovely mix of art and technology is a great way to introduce electronics and engineering in the Primary classroom.

Date: Thursday 24th November 2016
Time: 5.15 - 7.15p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Michelle Maher

Only 20 places available.

Aistear: Maths through Play and Playful Activities

This course will explore, in a practical and hands-on way, how to use play to support maths learning and development and will focus on supporting students' mathematical learning through student-led play and playful activities. This course will also identify ways to assess student's mathematics through play and will examine practical ideas for working with parents to support their child's learning in mathematics.

Date: Wednesday 30th November 2016
Time: 4.30 - 6.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Joanne McGrath

Participants are asked to bring their copy of Aistear: The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2009) with them.

Samba Drumming

In this introductory two hour course, participants will learn the basic skills to use music and percussion in the classroom with the participation of all students. The Centre has two sets of Samba Drums which schools can borrow for a period of two weeks and priority will be given to those who attend this course.

Date: Wednesday 30th November 2016
Time: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Jeremy Hickey

How to Do Running Records

Running Records are an assessment of Reading that can help both SEN and Class teachers measure the student's instructional reading level, group students for Guided Reading and/or Literacy Lift-Off and track progress over time. They can also highlight what students need to learn and match students to appropriate books.

Date: Thursday 1st December 2016
Time: 4.00 - 6.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Ellen Quaid, Reading Recovery Teacher Leader

Art for Christmas

Learn how to make Christmas crafts to sell at a school craft fair! Discover how to make simple but beautiful decorations for your home and school. Suitable for all classes and abilities.

Date: Monday 5th December 2016
Time: 4.30 - 6.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Sinéad Walsh

Izak9 Maths Resource Information Session

Izak9 is a hands-on resource for Mathematics in Senior Primary classes (3rd - 6th Class) and the concept is based on the belief that if we are to offer children a brighter future, then we need to expose them to as many ways as possible of developing a positive relationship with Mathematics when they are young. Through *Izak9*, we can give learning through play back to children in a way that can challenge, encourage, support, stretch and nourish a confidence and competence in their learning of Mathematics.

Date: Wednesday 7th December 2016
Time: 1.30 - 3.30p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Pat Hanrahan

SEAI Bills Clinic

Participants will bring 12 months of energy bills with them and develop an understanding of how much energy is consumed and how much is being spent on energy. The outcomes of this course are understanding your energy bills, analyse and quantify energy use, identify potential energy and cost savings of up to 10% and use of the energy bills tracker tool and resources available on the Energy in Education website.

Date: Wednesday 7th December 2016
Time: 5.00 - 7.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Shane Bradley and Philip Goode

FairViews - Photographs in the Classroom

From a teaching and learning perspective, visual images can be powerful tools; they can open up topics, perspectives and fresh ideas and can be especially effective in promoting critical, non-judgemental and original thinking. This course is a hands-on affair where participants work through the educational photopack, *FairViews*. At the end of the course, participants will receive a copy of the *FairViews* pack which includes 24 striking images printed on card for easy use in the classroom, a booklet containing 33 practical pedagogies and a CD with the 24 photographs.

Date: Tuesday 13th December 2016
Time: 7.00 - 9.00p.m.
Venue: Kilkenny Education Centre
Tutor: Gerry Jeffers

A fee of €20 per person is payable on the evening.

