



Ranganna Cómhrá Gaeilge

Date: Wednesday, 14th March
Venue: Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny
Time: 4 – 6pm.
Facilitator: Mary Durning

Maidir leis an Curaclam nua Teanga na Bunscoile, béidh ranganna cómhrá Gaeilge ar fáil do mhúinteoirí bunscoile.

Is iad na h-áidhmeanna leis na ranganna seo:

1. Sult agus suim a spréagadh sa teanga.
2. Muinín agus líofacht a chothú.
3. Frasaí/ tearmaí coitianta a d'fhéadfaí úsáid traschuraclam i ngach ábhar.

Be Still Mindfulness for Teachers: ReNew You

Date: Tuesday, 20th & 27th February, 6th March
Venue: Villa Rose, Hotel Ballybofey
Time: 6pm – 8.30pm
Facilitator: Aoibheann Gallen

We live in a fast-paced digital age and the impact of this lifestyle are higher stress levels and anxiety, which is what some teachers are experiencing at home and in the classroom. The aim of the Be Still Mindfulness programme is to help participants to step of the fast lane and take much needed time out, to stop, be still and to learn unique tools on how to calm the mind and become more aware in the present moment, in their daily lives and when teaching in class. Skills are taught on how to bring awareness and calmness to the classroom to help engage and teach pupils in a more relaxed and calm environment.

Autism

Date: Tuesday 6th February
Venue: Silver Tassie, Hotel Letterkenny
Time: 6pm – 9pm
Facilitator: Pauline Hunter B/ED, MA, JST, NDT

A Course for professionals working with students on the ASD spectrum. Theories, strengths and challenges and interventions.

FASD in School:

(Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder)

Date: Tuesday, 6th February
Venue: County Donegal Education Centre
Time: 12.30pm – 3.30pm (Light lunch from 12.30pm) OR
Date: Thursday, 8th February
Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel Letterkenny
Time: 6pm – 9pm
Facilitator: Dr David Gerry

This workshop provides an overview of Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD). It will highlight some of the most common associated behavioural and cognitive difficulties and some simple & practical responses teachers and schools can adopt to enhance classroom management and teaching and learning in general. **Participants will:**
-Gain basic knowledge of the contributing factors and incidence rates for FASD in Ireland.
-Become familiar with common signs and symptoms of FASD in students and the typical difficulties for both student and professional when these are misunderstood.
-Practical ways to improve the fit between the unique needs of the student and what classroom teachers and the wider school community can do to support.

Making Maths Fun with Izak Maths

Date: Tuesday, 20th February
Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny
Time: 7 – 9pm
Facilitator: Rhya Travers

This is an interactive 3D mathematical based active learning resource. Training is based on the use of 27 colourful and captivating cubes supported by a suite of e-learning material. Arithmetic and algebraic teaching and learning tasks are facilitated in a fun and friendly three dimensional shared learning environment. This workshop is a hands on interactive demonstration of how Izak 9 can be used in your classroom with strategies on effecting questioning, confidence building and communication in maths.

Teachers who have engaged in training can avail of the Izak 9 cube resources free through Donegal Education Centre

Drama in the Classroom

Date: Wednesday, 21st February
Venue: Clanree Hotel Letterkenny
Time: 7 – 9pm
Facilitator: Maura Logue

- Advice and practical techniques will be given to assist with creative learning while enabling teachers to create a 'Creative Space' within the classroom.
- The workshop will offer a space to discuss teachers' needs, will focus on classroom group management & offer a diversity of practical examples and techniques so drama can be developed further to support curriculum needs in the classroom.

Dress Comfortably – runners no heels!!

An Introduction to NUMICON

Date: Tuesday, 27th February
Venue: Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny
Time: 6.30pm – 9pm
Facilitator: Rose Ann Basquel. Down syndrome Ireland

Numicon is a multi – sensory maths teaching programme based on a series of practical teaching strategies using Maths shapes in a series of practical teaching activities.

This workshop is suitable for those who have little or no experience of using Numicon. Most suited for junior classes and resource /learning support. **Topics Covered:**

- **Getting to know Numicon - Early number activities & Addition & subtraction with Numicon**

Chess for Learning

A School Chess Programme for Developing Computational Thinking, Logic and Problem Solving

Date: Monday, 19th February
Venue: Clanree Hotel Letterkenny
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Facilitator: John Conlon

Using chess as a tool to improve aspects of pupils learning.

1. Problem solving / general mathematical skills and logic.
2. Improved Attention Spans
3. Provided Challenge for children with exceptional ability.
4. Appeals to children on the Autism spectrum, especially in communication.
5. Improvements in Social Skills etc...especially for non sporting pupils
6. Ability to think ahead, plan and organise for entrepreneurial skills.

Workshop participants need not be able to play chess

Physiological approach for teaching SEN Teachers & SNAs

Why some students struggle in class

Date: Monday, 29th January & 5th February
Venue: Scoil Mhuire, Derrybeg
Time: 6 – 9pm
Date: Monday 5th & 12th March
Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny
Time: 6 – 9pm
Facilitator: Pauline Hunter

Looking at supporting mainstream teachers in working with SEN students in their classroom. Identification and remediation strategies to use with students to improve Literacy & Numeracy skills, and in doing so increasing students' confidence and self-esteem.

Picture Exchange Community System (PECS)

Information Sharing/Basic Overview workshop

Date: Tuesday, 6th March
Venue: County Donegal Education Centre
Date: Tuesday, 13th March
Venue: McGettigan's Hotel Letterkenny
Time: 4 - 6pm
Facilitator: Catriona Breslin

PECS is a unique alternative communication intervention package for individuals with autism spectrum disorder & related development disabilities.

Participants will become aware of how PECS can support language development as well as - Participants will:

- Outline strategies for making a PECS Board
- Examine sample boards

My Learner ID

Date: Monday, 5th February **Time:** 4-6pm
Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny
Facilitator: Dr. Suzanne Parkinson

My Learner ID – an innovative new series for schools. Gives an insight into this resource nurturing the 'Who' and 'How' of learning. The series supports children on becoming learners, on articulating perspectives of themselves as learners and their worldview, their experiences of school and on the educative process. **'My Learner ID'** provides a coherent developmental framework to nurture learner voice and learner responsibility across the school years.

The series addresses the 'how' of learning and encourages learners to reflect and develop key learner dispositions associated with effective learning. Attention, Memory, Organisation, Metacognition, Mindsets and Learning Behaviours are explored in third to sixth class.

Tá an ceardlann seo ar fáil trí Ghaeilge freisin

Áit: Teach Jack, Doire Beaga **Uair:** 4 - 6pm

Dáta: 5 Márta

Thinking of Retiring within the next few Years

Venue: County Donegal Education Centre
Facilitator: James Brett
Date: Tuesday, 13th Wednesday 14th March

One to one private sessions by appointment only: Please contact Donegal Education Centre for a free private appointment with James.

Appointments every half hour from 3-9pm

James has vast experience as an advisor in dealing with teachers. He specialises in retirement planning, maximising superannuation pension entitlements as well as -

- How to obtain a greater tax free lump sum other than received from the DES using your last 10 years salary
- Retiring now using cost neutral early retirement?
- Advantages & disadvantages of AVCs V Buying Notional Service
- Last minute AVC to claim tax back – or not?
- Fees and charges – Reduced rates for retirement?
- Estate planning in a tax efficient way, inheritance limits etc

Aistear - An introduction for teachers: Planning and Organising for Play

Date: Wednesday, 21st, 28th February & 7th March
Venue: St Eunan's GAA Clubhouse, Letterkenny
Time: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Facilitator: Alma Curran

The course links with the new Primary Language Curriculum for junior infants to second class, emphasising the importance of playful learning experiences for all children. It provides ideas for developing young children's oral language, emergent writing and mathematical learning in a playful way. This course draws on the key ideas in *Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework* (2009) & provides lots of practical ideas for using these in your infant classroom.

Visual Arts Ideas for Spring

Date: Thursday, 22nd February
Venue: S.N. Naomh Fhionan, Falcarragh OR
Date: Thursday, 1st March
Venue: County Donegal Education Centre OR
Date: Thursday, 8th March
Venue: St. Patrick's G.N.S. Carndonagh
Time: 6pm – 9pm
Facilitator: Margaret Rowland

This workshop will provide you with interesting ideas to use with your class during the spring term.

Diary Dates

RSE Thursday, 1st & 8th February, Mc Gettigan's Hotel, Letterkenny 12 - 3pm
Active School Flag, Monday, 26th February, Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny 4.30 – 6.30pm

All CPD opportunities for teachers are grant aided by the Teacher Education Section (TES) of the Department of Education and Skills. On receipt of a booking form a place on the course will be reserved. Telephone bookings will not be accepted. Applicants will only be notified if a problem arises or a workshop is cancelled. Places on courses are limited – early booking is advisable. Booking form available on www.donegaledcentre.ie under Spring Courses 2018 link. County Donegal Education Centre, Floor 2/3, Pier One, Quay Street, Donegal Town, Phone: 074 9723487 Fax: 074 9723787 Email: admin@donegaledcentre.ie Online: www.donegaledcentre.ie