



Leading an Inclusive School
New Allocation Model: Addressing the challenges being met by Principals

Venue: County Donegal Education Centre

Dates: Tuesday, March 13th

Time: 9.30-12.30pm (followed by light lunch)

Facilitator: Billy Redmond: Principal, St Laurence College, Dublin, Guidance Counsellor, SESS Associate & former National Coordinator NIPT / NBSS

Billy will provide very practical and realistic guidance for school leaders on the use, organisation and deployment of additional teaching resources for pupils with special ed. needs within the new allocation model.

Course Outline and Content

- Leadership and management in the context of inclusion
- Planning, roles and responsibilities
- Models of provision and effective leadership
- The three-step process of: identifying pupil's needs through the NEPS Continuum of Support Process, meeting these needs, monitoring, reviewing and reporting on progress

Teaching & Learning: Co / Team- Teaching

Date: Tuesday, 6th February **Time:** 6.30pm – 9pm

Venue: Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny

Facilitator: Harry Freeman

With recent trends towards greater inclusivity for all learners, coteaching is being adopted as an effective in-school intervention to support effective learning in the post primary classroom. This course will interest teachers already engaged in or interested in developing team teaching as part of school practice. Participants will be offered the opportunity to explore:

- The educational context for which team teaching is appropriate
- The various models of co & team teaching and how they can be practically implemented in the classroom.
- The opportunities that team teaching presents to support the learning needs of students with special education needs.
- The opportunities that co & team teaching present for the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of teachers.

The course is anchored in practice and its interactive structure will present an opportunity for participants to learn from each other through professional collaborative dialogue.

Applying for RACE & DARE
New allocation model framework
RACE/DARE Applications

Testing & Analysis & how to read results

Date: Monday, March. 12th **Time:** 9.30 – 3.30pm

Facilitator: Rebecca Good, Psychologist, Eirim:
The National Assessment Agency

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- Focusing on RACE & DARE assessment with particular attention given to the 'specific learning difficulties' route for DARE and focus given to the sections of RACE where assessment is needed (readers, scribes, WP's waivers). The DARE SpLD route is the route which has the biggest changes (as teachers can now process the applications) and Rebecca will also focus on applying for readers, scribes, WP's for RACE as well as a general overview of the schemes.
- **Looking at testing and test score analysis – what do the results tell us about our students and how to follow up on.**

The normal fee for this workshop is €100 per school. We are offering this course on a non-fee basis. School teams of Principal, Guidance Counsellor(s) & SEN Coordinator are encouraged to avail of the opportunity to attend.

Physiological approach for teaching SEN
Teachers & SNAs

Explaining why some students struggle in class

Date: Monday, 29th January & 5th February

Venue: Scoil Mhuire, Derrybeg **OR**

Date: Monday, 5th & 12th March

Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny

Time: 6 – 9pm **Facilitator:** Pauline Hunter

A hugely popular & worthwhile workshop where Pauline enables mainstream teachers in working with SEN students in their classroom while identifying and using remediation strategies to use with students to improve Literacy & Numeracy skills and in doing so increasing students' confidence and self-esteem.

FASD in School:
(Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder)
Trying Differently Rather Than Harder

Date: Tuesday, 6th February

Venue: County Donegal Education Centre

Time: 12.30 – 3.30pm (Light lunch from 12.30pm) **OR**

Date: Thursday, 8th February **Time:** 6.00 – 9.00pm

Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny

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.

Embedding Junior Cycle Wellbeing
for School Leaders
Moving towards 2020 with Wellbeing

Venue: County Donegal Education Centre

Date: March 1st **Time:** 10-12.30pm

Facilitator: Betty Mc Laughlin. Betty is the JCT Wellbeing Team Leader as well as being an experienced Guidance Counsellor and former president of the National Association of Guidance Counsellors

Seminar Objectives:

Provide school leaders with a pathway to embedding wellbeing throughout the school through both the curriculum and school culture in the build up to 2020. Betty will also provide practical strategies on how this can be done using exemplars from schools across the country.

Adjust the Dial: Stress management and resilience training for School Leaders

Date: Wednesday, 7th February

Time: 9.30 – 1.00pm (light lunch provided)

Venue: County Donegal Education Centre

Facilitator: John Doran, Guidance Counsellor & author, Patrician Sec. Sch. Newbridge. John is an experienced counsellor having worked both on an individual level with Principals/ teachers and whole staffs. He is the author of the very successful 'Pathway to Wellbeing' senior cycle Train the Trainer programme as well as having recently addressed the Oireactas Committee on Education as well as schools management bodies on wellbeing.

This seminar is aimed at supporting school leaders in the daily challenges which come with the role and offering a practical means to deal with the associated challenges and stress. While school leaders emphasis the need to develop resilience in young people – very often they overlook themselves – **take this morning for your own wellbeing so that you can lead others in theirs!**

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 the 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

Be Still Mindfulness for Teachers:
ReNew You

Date: Tuesday, 13th March

Venue: County Donegal Education Centre

Time: 6 – 8.30pm

Facilitator: Aoibheann Gallen of 'ReNew You'

This is a one off workshop aimed at enabling Junior Cycle teachers become more aware of and be able to support students who may need additional support in basic life skills and resilience. Aoibheann will share strategies and practices which can be used in supporting students while supporting the overall schools' student support strategies.

Making Maths Fun with Izak Maths

Date: Tuesday, 20th February **Time:** 7pm – 9pm

Venue: Silver Tassie Letterkenny

Facilitator: Rhya Doherty

This is an interactive 3D mathematical based active learning resource. Receive training on this resource which includes 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.

Izak9 is ideal for using with Junior Cycle Maths classes as well as TY and a fun & innovative way to enable numeracy with SEN students.

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

VSO: Voluntary Service Overseas

Date: Tuesday, 6th March **Time:** 6 – 8pm

Venue: County Donegal Education Centre

Facilitator: Fiona Hardy

Interested in volunteering overseas or finding out a little more about VSO Ireland?

An opportunity of using your skills and experience to have a long-lasting impact on peoples' lives. You'll do something very different bringing inspiration, energy and vital practical skills to help secure better healthcare, more valuable education and broader opportunities in Africa & Asia.

This information session is a great opportunity to chat with a returned volunteer about what it's really like to be a VSO volunteer and upcoming roles. We will also be covering VSO's application and selection process, and answer any questions you have.

Rethinking Behaviour Management
Utilising the principles of Restorative Practice

Date: Wednesday, 7th February

Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel **OR**

Date: Wednesday, 21st February

Venue: County Donegal Education Centre

Times: 6pm – 8pm **Facilitator:** Rita Gleeson

A very practical and focused approach to student behaviour using the principles of restorative practices. Participants will gain an understanding of what it means to be and act restoratively in both their professional and personal lives while also leave with three very practical and solution focused behaviour management strategies.

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