



**Cúrsaí Bunscoile Samhraidh 2018**  
**Primary School Summer Courses 2018**

Please Note: Times for all courses is 9.30am-2pm daily  
Closing date for applications: Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Wild Teaching - SESE Inside & Outside the Classroom**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** County Donegal Education Centre  
**Facilitator:** Rory O'Donnell & Paul O'Donnell  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
**Course Objective:** Highlight the outdoors as a valuable teaching and learning resource, aimed at supporting the teaching History, Geography and Science. Participants will be enabled to –

- Enhance the use of the outdoors as a learning resource.
- Learn about the biology of plants and vegetables and practical ways to teach pupils about them.
- Learn about the biology of butterflies, invertebrates and birds and practical ways to engage pupils.
- Conduct experiments using plants, organisms and soil in order to enhance the pupil learning.
- Develop transferable skills of local trail walking.
- Increase the biodiversity of the school buildings and ground through a sustainable approach.

Lesson plans and comprehensive notes will be made available.

**Music from Scratch through Samba Drumming**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** St. Patrick's Girls' NS, Carndonagh  
**Facilitator:** Kieran Gallagher  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
For Teachers who would like a new avenue to explore in delivering music confidentially - No musical experience necessary.  
**Course Objective:** Enable participants the ability to use music/percussion in their classrooms while engaging all pupils. Pulse, tempo, tones, prepared instruments, homemade instruments, the human voice and the human body will be used. Participants will learn concentrating/focusing techniques, ways of exploring individuality in musical expression as well as experiencing first hand ensemble music making and the many elements surrounding performance while continually exploring the element of self-esteem through personal achievement. All Participants will develop new skills enabling them to use active music making in their class/school

**Learn Through the Landscape**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Glenveagh National Park  
**Facilitators:** Clare Bromley, Owen Kelly & Eanna Ni Lamhna  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
The theme of this week is using the outdoors as a classroom for teaching and learning. Each day will involve a work-shop followed by a fieldtrip in the afternoon.  
**Course content outline:**

- Identifying opportunities for using the environment as an outdoor classroom.
- Exploration of bogland / hedgerows.
- River systems and habitats.
- Ecological surveys of the woodland.
- Parallels between basic ecological surveys and Mathematics.

Since the course will entail lots of outdoor work it is advisable that participants wear suitable clothing for outdoor activities.  
**Priority will be given to those who have not undertaken this course previously**

**Literacy Skills for the 21st Century**

**Date:** July 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny  
**Facilitator:** Breideen McGuigan  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
This course is designed to provide teachers with practical approaches, ideas and resources for delivering an effective literacy programme. The course will examine and evaluate strategies, techniques and resources which enables children to develop their literacy skills while focusing on the various components of oral language, the teaching of reading, building and extending children's vocabulary, reading fluency, comprehension strategies, creative writing, spelling and assessment for learning. Teachers will also engage with the SSE Teaching and Learning Framework & the School Improvement Plan.  
Participants need to have their own **Laptops / iPad**

**A Problem Solving Approach to Teaching & Learning Maths 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class (PDST)**

**Date:** July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Scoil Chroine NS, Dungloe  
**Facilitator:** Dennis Mulligan  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
Aimed at enhancing the maths teaching and learning, this course emphasises the necessity of hands-on experiences, 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.

**Aistear- Play, Literacy and Numeracy (Infants)**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál NS., Letterkenny  
**Facilitator:** Martine Doherty  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
**Looking for new ideas for teaching literacy and maths in a fun way?**  
This course explores key ideas in Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework and provides lots of practical ideas for using these in your infant classroom. Take a look at other teacher's' resources for play and find out how they plan for, resource, support and assess learning through child-led play. The course links with the new Primary Language Curriculum for junior infants to second class and provides ideas for developing young children's oral language, emergent writing and mathematical learning in a playful way. You will also hear about a variety of resources available on the NCCA's website which could be useful in your school's work on self-evaluation and improvement.

**Enhancing PE Delivery and its Integration with other Curriculum Subjects**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Glenswilly GAA Club  
**Facilitator:** Mick Murphy  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
**This course involves 3 days of face to face practical classes, followed by 8 hours of online modules**  
This course will be delivered by experienced Development Tutors offering participants an introduction to teaching Gaelic Games  
• Aimed at advancement of pedagogical teaching, learning and management skills of PE curriculum.  
• Complimentary Learning resource pack for all participants.  
The week will include the following: games in a primary school setting, wall and yard games, planning and implementing PE and how to adapt activities. **(Must be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> July)**

**Teaching Nature in our Local Place**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Sessiaghoneill NS, Ballybofey OR  
**Date:** July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Scoil Treasa Naofa, Drumcarbit, Malin  
**Facilitator:** Aengus Kennedy  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
This course is aimed at - enabling teachers enhance their knowledge of the natural world around them while engaging in active hands on methodologies learning about different types of habitats specific to their locality; To learn the appropriate language and wording around the natural world and the habitats explored that can be then used; to explore and understand climate change and how this is affecting our environment & to learn the eco-system services that we all depend on.

**A Physiological Approach to Teaching SEN Students**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Silver Tassie Hotel Hotel, Letterkenny  
**Facilitator:** Pauline Hunter  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
Remediation strategies for children with additional needs focusing on - Learning styles - Multi-sensory approaches - How children best learn to read, spell and write - Physiological approach to learning - Developmental exercise programme, including theory & test battery - Bi-lateral exercises that improve executive functioning and working memory

**Alcohol & Other Drugs: Responding to Teachers needs in Today's Society**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** McGettigans Hotel, Letterkenny  
**Facilitator:** Christina Murray - McEleney  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
This course helps teachers understand and improve their own knowledge base on the effect that alcohol and other drugs have on the child, while looking at enabling teachers who work with pupils possibly impacted by living with parental problematic alcohol or other drug use - the course also includes; The Developing Adolescent Brain and Alcohol; Useful resources and further access to supports for teaching & learning will be available.

**History, Geography & Science in our Local Environment**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Holy Family NS Townparks Ballyshannon  
**Facilitator:** Kathleen O'Reilly  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
'The Natural Environment' in geography and 'Plant & Animal Life' in science will be worked through while also examining & investigating investigate the strand 'Continuity & change over time' in history. Investing the streetscape and landscape of graveyard, court tomb and nearby rock pools, to name but a few of our exciting adventures! Indoors we will experiment with materials and artefacts in History. A busy, action packed week with lots to do and learn!

**Exploring Teacher/Artist Partnership in Arts**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** County Donegal Education Centre  
**Facilitator:** Mary Kinsella, & Denise Blake  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
**Participating teachers will be offered the opportunity to have an artist/teacher partnership in their school (max 4)**  
Teachers will be enabled to develop the skills necessary to design, plan, implement and evaluate an in-school Arts in Education initiative using a collaborative approach.  
**Participants will:** Extend knowledge of literacies across disciplines; Increase understanding of the SSE process; Inform school improvement in arts education; Receive support in undertaking and developing assessment practices & Enhance knowledge of local and national Arts in Education initiatives and supports.

**Team Teaching for Literacy**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** County Donegal Education Centre  
**Facilitator:** Máire Love, PDST  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
Exploring how Team Teaching can be used effectively to meet the literacy needs of students in the mainstream classroom.  
**Included:** An exploration of inclusion; identifying student priority learning needs in the context of the 2017 Guidelines Supporting Pupils with SEN and The SEN Continuum of Support: Practical exploration of Team Teaching models and how teachers can build effective collaborative relationships and innovate practice.  
**Included:** Practical classroom ideas, strategies incl. vocab. development, writing process, reading development & oral language instruction

**Exploring the Possibilities of Materials through the 6 Strands of Visual Arts**

**Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> incl.  
**Venue:** Scoil Naomh Fionán, An Falcarrach,  
**Facilitator:** Margaret Rowland  
**Booking Fee:** €50 (non-refundable)  
The main aim of this course is to explore the possibilities of materials through the 6 strands of the Visual Arts Curriculum. A hands on activity based course relating strands to themes.

These Continuing Professional Development (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 & fee (non-refundable) a place on the course will be reserved. Telephone bookings will not be accepted. The number of places are limited so early booking is advisable.  
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