



PDST Physical Literacy Summer Course

Date: July 1st – 5th incl.
Venue: Woodlands NS, Letterkenny
Facilitator: Derek Brennan **Course Fee:** €50

Physical Literacy is the ability to move with confidence in a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that benefit the healthy development of the whole child. Teachers will be supported in developing physical literacy by focusing on a lens on fundamental movement skills using the Move Well, Move Often resource. The week will be fun and practical and will include workshops on gymnastics, dance, athletics, games, outdoor and adventure activities suitable for teachers of all classes from Infants - 6th. By participating in this course, you will also gain valuable insight into the practical use of assessment strategies for PE, the School Self Evaluation process for PE and the Active School Flag. By developing physical literacy in your PE programme, you can support children in continuing to participate in physical activity throughout their lifespan, enhancing their overall wellbeing.

Literacy through Drama

Date: July 8th - 12th incl.
Venue: Donegal Education Centre
Facilitator: Anna Farren **Course Fee:** €50

Drama offers learners a direct means of discovering the content of the curriculum and gives learners the opportunity to interpret and make sense of the world. Drama has the power to transform classrooms. Participants will learn how to harness the natural ability of children to achieve desired oral language learning outcomes while giving them the means and motivation to communicate in their world, alongside their peers and teacher. This practical course invites participants to enter a world of creativity and enjoyment, a world in which literacy becomes the powerhouse of problem solving. When the pressure for language is on drama "children move from their passive to their active vocabularies" Teachers will be enabled to devise lessons using drama as a pedagogy for the purpose of motivation to speak, read and write and used in a cross-curricular manner.

Learning Through the Landscape

Date: July 8th – 12th incl.
Venue: Glenveagh National Park
Facilitators: Clare Bromley, Owen Kelly & Éanna Ni Lamhna
Course Fee: €50

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

Creative Teachers & Classrooms – unlocking the potential of innovative methodologies to enhance teaching: Instructional Leadership
(pending approval)

Date: July 1st – 5th incl.
Venue: Scoil Mhuire gan Smál **Fee:** €50
Facilitator: Irene Simmons & Rhya Doherty

By participating in this course participants will gain a range of skills, tactics and strategies that will enhance the teaching and learning in their own classrooms across all subject areas.

- Participants will be –
- explicitly skilled in a large number of instructional methods that will increase student learning
 - facilitated in differentiating instruction to meet diverse needs
 - will become familiar with a wide range of instructional organisers enhancing their classroom management and organisation skills, resulting in greater participation by all students in all class activities, greater motivation on behalf of students and greater student accountability for their own learning.

These strategies are carefully linked to the LAOS standards of highly effective practice and are identified as having measurable impacts on student learning. Leadership in the school will also be enhanced as the participants will be able to bring their learning back to school where they can share their learning with whole school staff and lead change in instructional practice through modelling and example.

Aistear- Play, Literacy and Numeracy

Date : July 1st – 5th incl.
Venue : County Donegal Education Centre
Facilitator: Martine Doherty **Booking Fee:** €50

Date: July 1st – 5th incl.
Venue: Rathmullan N.S.,
Facilitator: Alma Curran **Course Fee:** €50

Looking for new ideas for teaching literacy and maths in a playful way? Or perhaps, thinking about introducing child-led play in your classroom? If so, then register for this action-packed Summer Course which has been designed by the Association of Teacher/Education Centres in Ireland (ATECI) in collaboration with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). 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. Drawing on the key ideas in Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2009) and provides lots of practical ideas for using these in your infant classroom. Take a look at other teachers' resources for play and find out how they plan for, resource, support and assess learning through child-led play. You will also hear about a variety of resources available on the NCCA's website.

Enhancing PE & its Cross Curricular Integration

Date: July 1st – 5th incl.
Venue: Glenswilly GAA Club
Facilitator: Mick Murphy **Course Fee:** €50

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 19th July)**

Exploring Teacher/Artist Partnership in Arts Education

Date: July 1st – 5th incl.
Venue: Donegal Education Centre **Course Fee:** €10

A unique summer course that offers teachers the opportunity to explore the nature and educational value of partnerships between teachers and artists in supporting arts education in schools. Are you looking to improve your understanding of arts education, to improve Arts Curriculum integration in your classroom, to engage with a professional artist as a way of improving your own arts teaching skills?

Four residencies available in 2019/20. This course looks at the ways in which working with an artist in school can be enhanced in order to provide meaningful experiences for children and a lasting impact on school practice. Particular emphasis will be on the role of the teacher and artist, their unique contributions to projects and the significant benefits that can accrue from a dynamic teacher/artist relationship in the planning and implementation of projects. Placing the teacher/artist project within the overall Arts Curriculum in schools and exploration of practical issues will be central.

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

Date: July 1st – 5th incl.
Venue: Donegal Education Centre
Facilitator: Margaret Rowland **Course Fee:** €50

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.

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

Date: July 1st – 5th incl. **Booking Fee:** €50
Venue: An Grianan Hotel, Burt.
Facilitator: Christina Murray - McEleney

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 1st – 5th incl.
Venue: Kilbarron NS, Ballyshannon
Facilitator: Kathleen O'Reilly **Course Fee:** €50

'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!

Teaching Nature in our Local Place

Date: July 1st – 5th incl.
Venue: St. Finians NS Falcarragh
Facilitator: Aengus Kennedy **Course Fee:** €50

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.

PDST Tánaiste

Specifically for Primary Deputy or Acting DPs.
Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny
Facilitator: PDST
Date: July 1st – 5th incl. **Course Fee:** €10

Tánaiste is a PDST Leadership summer course. The course provides opportunities for deputy principals to explore their leadership role in order to lead high quality teaching and learning in their school. It provides an opportunity to learn from facilitators and colleagues in similar roles with all resources having been designed or nuanced to reflect the deputy principal role. The course emphasises effective communication and conflict management strategies, the principal and deputy principal as a leadership team, distributed leadership, leading change and positively impacting on the school's learning culture.

A Physiological Approach to Teaching SEN Students

Date: July 1st – 5th incl.
Venue: Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana [or](#)
Date: July 8th – 12th incl.
Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel Hotel, Letterkenny
Course Fee: €50
Facilitator: Pauline Hunter **Booking Fee:** €50

Remediation for children with additional needs focusing on - strategies 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.