

Summer Courses 2011

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Blackrock Education Centre
Ionad Oideachais na Carraige Duibhe

Airfield- A Natural Resource for Creative Teaching

July 4th – July 8th **11BK101**
Participants will be enabled to link land, plants & animals to food production. Understand concepts of food safety and traceability through exploring the journey from 'farm to fork'. Foster a deeper understanding of biodiversity, interdependence and food chains. Develop confidences around science and arts; Appraise positive and negative human impact on our environment.
Presenters: Staff of Airfield Trust
Venue: The Airfield Trust, Dundrum

The Outdoor Classroom

July 4th – July 8th **11BK102**
Promoting the use and development of exploration trails, creating a school garden, identifying and learning about plants and mini beasts as well as appreciating the importance of biodiversity - these are the main elements of this practical course.
Presenters: Paddy Madden and Maura O'Dwyer
Venue: Airfield Trust, Dundrum

Exploring the School Garden and its Habitats

July 4th – July 8th **11BK103**
The purpose of this course is to help teachers to use the school garden & the environment as an outdoor classroom for the science curriculum through the seasons. Group workshops & fieldwork are emphasised.
Presenters: Wendy Nairn, Marian O'Sullivan,
An Tairseach,, Dominican Farm and Ecology Centre, Wicklow
Venue:

Online Reservations
only for all courses

Nature Can be Fun

July 4th – July 8th **11BK104**
Develop an awareness of habitat, identify plants, bugs, track mammals and experience a nature treasure hunt. Central to each activity will be observing, recording, measuring and analysing scientifically.
Presenters: Gillian Stewart, Ian Edwards
Venue: Education Centre: Glendalough

Seashore Safari and Marine Activities

July 4th – July 8th **11BK105**
This course will encourage teachers to develop the following skills with their pupils: working scientifically and mathematically on the seashore; designing and making – ships and submarines; creative works – posters and keys.
Presenters: John Joyce, Pat O Suilleabhain,
Tom O Briain
Venue: Sealife Aquarium, Bray and Fieldtrips

Develop Literacy Strategies

July 4th – July 8th **11BK106**
Oral language and vocabulary instruction; Dolch list of words; Decoding skills; Reading fluency skills; text comprehension; assessment practices; early identification of at risk readers; intervention and support programmes
Presenter: Mary Meaney
Venue: Blackrock Education Centre

All Courses are approved under DES Rule 58

Funded by the Irish Government under NPD 2007-2013

Courses normally run from 9.50 am to 2.30 pm unless otherwise stated. Lunch is provided for participants. Car Parking cannot be guaranteed.

Registration fee = €40

Credit/Debit cards and PayPal payments can be made online and enrolment will be confirmed immediately by email.

We also have a Cheque payments option which will place your name on the waiting list. On receipt of your cheque/cash in Blackrock Education Centre your enrolment finalised in the office and will be confirmed by email.

Aistear

July 4th – July 8th **11BK107**
This course emphasises how to enhance literacy and numeracy in the infant classroom by providing the following:
Practical links between Aistear and the Infant Curriculum
Active strategies on using play as a teaching and learning methodology
New ideas for engaging with parents
Suggestions and exemplars of assessment methods for use in the Infant Classroom
Innovative ideas for the use of ICT and web based resources, including the Aistear toolkit
Presenter: Avila Donegan, Siobhán Uí Bhraoin
Venue: Blackrock Education Centre

Developing Peer Mediation in a Primary Setting

July 4th – July 8th **11BK108**
To introduce the process of peer mediation so that participants feel confident to train children as mediators and support the setting up of a peer mediation scheme in their school/setting.
To help participants to understand the principles that underpin the process of peer mediation as a restorative practice.
To provide the opportunity for participants to become familiar with the practices through role play.
Focus on circle work as a process for learning.
Introduction to resources available for background reading and personal development linked to mediation as well as resources for use with children.
Presenter: Rosemary Games
Venue: Blackrock Education Centre

Emotional and Social Intelligence (July or August)

July 4th – July 8th **11BK109**
Aug 22nd – Aug 26th **11BK111**
This course draws on the work of Daniel Goleman (EQ) and Stephen Covey and incorporates techniques from NLP and Positive Psychology. The outcome will be a range of simple interventions which the teacher can weave into the school day to build emotional literacy; enhance motivation, learning and conflict management skills; and foster a desire to learn.
Presenter: Jacqui Wade
Venue: Blackrock Education Centre

Environmental Studies

August 22nd – August 26th **11BK110**
This month exchange the wilds of the classroom for the jungle of teeming life in a nearby hedgerow. Become a wildlife specialist in a week with the inimitable Éanna Ní Lamhna. Various fieldtrips form an integral part of this course. Suitable clothing and footwear are essential.
Presenter: Éanna Ní Lamhna
Venue: The Airfield Trust, Dundrum

PE Opportunities for Teachers and Children

August 22nd – August 26th **11BK112**
Provide opportunities for teachers to enable the children they teach to move with ease and confidence, to respond to challenges to the mind and body, to participate, to compete and to co-operate with others in the following areas: Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, Games, Outdoor and Adventure, Aquatics
Presenter: Catherine Knight
Venue: Oatlands Primary School, Stillorgan

ICT COURSES:

Creating and Using ICT Resources for Literacy 2 Groups

Funded by NCTE - no registration fee for ICT courses

Introduction to ICT in the Primary Classroom
Working with your Digital Camera & the computer
Creating a digital story with Photo Story
Using the internet to support literacy development
Exploring Scoilnet and Encyclopaedia Britannica
Becoming familiar with the use of scanners, visualisers and data projectors
July 4th – July 8th **9.00 am – 1.30 pm**
Presenter Course 1: Bridget Suttle **11BK7114**
Venue: Blackrock Education Centre
Presenter Course 2: Declan Whelan **11BK7116**
Venue: Blackrock Education Centre