

Visual Arts Strand by Strand

This course will provide purposeful art experiences using a variety of media and explore their possibilities for the creation of art.

It will; enable the development of skill and technique to facilitate art making, enhance the enjoyment and appreciation of visual arts within the curriculum, explore the potential for art making on a strand by strand basis, engage in an analysis of the work of artists and review how this can be related to classroom activities, examine the potential for the integration of visual arts in the literacy and numeracy curriculum and investigate the use of IT for Visual Arts. It will also examine the SSE process and how to evaluate Visual Arts in this context and evaluate whole school and classroom planning on a strand by strand and thematic basis.

Course Code: SU18 - 01
Course Date: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Course Venue: St. Paul's NS, Lyster St., Athlone
Course Tutor: Gemma Meehan
Registration Fee: €50.00

Aistear - Play, Literacy & Numeracy (Infants)

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 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, which emphasises 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) 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.

Course Code: SU18 - 02
Course Date: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Course Venue: Loughnavally NS., Mullingar
Course Tutor: Christina Devane
Registration Fee: €50.00

Building Healthy Habits

This course will explore strategies which enhance teacher wellbeing and extend participants' current knowledge of health and wellbeing practices. Teachers will understand how children's health and wellbeing is developed through the SPHE curriculum and how to support children's development of lifelong healthy eating habits and behaviours. It will also explore evaluation tools for use during SSE, as well as identifying the use of ICT in promoting healthy living and wellbeing. It promotes the holistic view of pupils learning and identifies the need to enable pupils to develop responsibility and management of their personal wellbeing. It contributes to "teachers' subject knowledge" and equips teachers with the potential to allow children the "opportunities to develop the skills and attitudes necessary for lifelong learning", as stipulated on the Quality Framework for Primary Schools, whilst also exploring the benefits of healthy eating and understanding individual nutritional needs.

Course Code: SU18 - 03
Course Date: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Course Venue: St. Manchan's NS, Tubber NS
Course Tutor: Nita Mc Loughlin
Registration Fee: €50.00

Exploring Creative Craft Skills to enhance delivery of the Visual Arts Curriculum

Creative Craft Skills to enhance the delivery of the Visual Arts Curriculum is a hands-on exploration of Drawing, Painting, Fabric & Fibre, Printmaking, Clay & Construction. Planning and designing craft based class projects and exploring themes, materials and skills that support an integrated process led approach to the curriculum.

Run in collaboration with the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's (DCCol) CRAFTed Programme. All tutors are selected from the DCCol Education Panel and have received training in the delivery of the Primary School Visual Arts Curriculum.

Course Code: SU18 - 04
Course Date: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Course Venue: St. Etchen's NS., Kinnegad
Course Tutor: Frances Kilcommins
Registration Fee: €50.00

Teacher/Artist Partnership

Many schools across the country are engaged in projects with artists, and in a variety of art forms. 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. The course draws on research in the field and looks at practical teacher/artist projects and partnerships that have been undertaken in schools recently. Various art forms will be explored and participants will have opportunities to explore their own creativity throughout the week.

Course Code: SU18 - 05
Course Date: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Course Venue: Athlone Education Centre
Course Tutors: R. Mhic Aonghusa & T. Meskill
Registration Fee: €50.00

Droichead: Professional Support Team Training

This course is designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills required to be effective Professional Support Team (PST) members to support and guide newly qualified teachers (NQTs) through the induction process. The course is open to teachers in all schools who are interested in mentoring NQTs and/or being a PST member. Each participant must be fully registered with the Teaching Council and must have a minimum of 5 years teaching experience. Attendance at and completion of this course will not guarantee membership of a PS Team. PST membership is at the discretion of the principal. Participants *must* complete the full 20 hours of the course to be deemed a trained PST member. *In the event that this course is oversubscribed, preference will be given to the following: 1) Teams from Special Schools and teams from schools of 16 or more mainstream class teachers. 2) Teachers in schools already engaging in the Droichead process and whose PSTs have been depleted due to attrition of staff. 3) Teachers in schools engaging in the Droichead process wishing to augment their PSTs.*
Course: SU18 - 06 Dates: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Venue: Presentation Senior NS, Harbour St., Mullingar
Register online at:
<http://www.teacherinduction.ie/en/supports/droichead/pst-training>

Inclusive Education for LS/Resource Teachers

This course aims to; present new content in relation to the education of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) in mainstream primary schools; present new content in relation to different categories of SEN (e.g. Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Emotional and Behavioural Disturbance, Physical Disability); guide teachers on current trends towards more inclusive education; guide teachers on how to assess children in Literacy, Numeracy and other subject areas in line with the Six-Step School Self-Evaluation Process; present information on the IEP Process and guide teachers on how to set SMART targets that improve learner outcomes; present ideas for inclusive education through different models of cooperative teaching (Station Teaching, Parallel Teaching, Lead and Support, Alternative Teaching).

Course Code: SU18 - 08
Course Date: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Course Venue: Tullamore Ed. Together NS, Collins Lane, Tullamore
Course Tutor: Laura Clyne
Registration Fee: €50.00

Building Towards Effective Team Teaching in Literacy

This course will explore how team teaching can be used as an effective support model to meet the literacy needs of students in the mainstream classroom. Content will include an exploration of inclusion and identifying student priority learning needs in the context of the Guidelines for Primary Schools Supporting Pupils with SEN and The SEN Continuum of Support. There will be a practical exploration of the models of team teaching and how teachers can build effective collaborative relationships and innovate practice. The course will explore in depth, with lots of practical classroom ideas and video samples, a range of literacy strategies suitable for team teaching including vocabulary development, the writing process, reading development and oral language instruction. The course reinforces the key messages of the Team Teaching for Literacy seminars which rolled out during the 2017/18 school year and builds on the feedback from teachers who attended that training.

Course Code: SU18 - 09
Course Date: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Course Venue: Creagh NS, Ballinasloe
Course Tutors: Máire Love
Registration Fee: €50.00

Teaching Children to Move Well and Move Often

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. This summer course has been designed by PDST PE Advisors to support teachers 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 in nature 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 SSE 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.

Course Code: SU18 - 10
Course Date: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Course Venue: Summerhill NS, Athlone
Course Tutors: PDST Team Members
Registration Fee: €50.00

Dabledoo Music

This course will introduce teachers to an online resource, specially designed for primary music education. Using a range of free interactive, online resources it will look at all areas of the primary school curriculum. Participants will become familiar with the dabledoomusic.com website and its technical setup in the classroom, gain experience with a range of simple classroom instruments and learn how to organise group performance and composition in the classroom. This course is designed to be practical, accessible and engaging for all primary school teachers regardless of prior musical experience. Tutor Shane Mc Kenna is a musician and music teacher based in Wicklow. He studied Music Education & Music Technology in Trinity College Dublin where he became a leading researcher and developer in the area of new musical notation and collaborative music. He has guest lectured in Ireland and abroad based on developing new systems of teaching and learning about music, inside and outside the classroom.

Course Code: SU18 - 11
Course Date: Mon., 9th - Fri., 13th July
Course Venue: Athlone Education Centre
Course Tutors: Shane McKenna
Registration Fee: €50.00

Literacy through the Lens of English, Science & Visual Arts

This innovative and practical course focuses on enhancing literacy through a diverse range of art, science, writing and oral language activities.

A myriad of ideas and strategies will be presented, including, the 'magic' bucket, the great fossil find, the world's tallest towers, electricity, materials, fabric and fibre creations, using oil pastels, exploring clay, drawing from observation and creating literacy games.

Participants will explore writing across the curriculum, co-operative learning, thematic teaching and active learning methodologies.

The course is most suitable for teachers from 2nd to 6th classes and SEN teachers. Please bring a USB key to avail of the course material.

Course Code: SU18 - 12
Course Date: Mon., 2nd - Fri., 6th July
Course Venue: Mullingar ETNS
Course Tutor: Dr. Mairead Hennessy
Registration Fee: €50.00

Using Tablets & Online Tools for Literacy & Numeracy

This course centres on the effective use of tablet technologies, namely the iPad, in enhancing teaching, learning and assessment in the classroom. It offers teachers a range of practical approaches to employ when utilising tablet technology (TT) to best effect in their classrooms. Key content in this course will address how the effective use of tablets can enhance pupil engagement when undertaking literacy and numeracy lessons, as well as in a cross-curricular fashion. It also aims to provide teachers with insights relating to key educational and whole-school considerations in the deployment of TT through a range of participant-oriented tasks and activities. Other areas to be discussed includes digital citizenship and internet safety, finding and selecting good quality digital content online, and developing whole school assessment practices through the use of ePortfolios

Course Code: 18 AE 811
Course Date: Monday, 2nd - Friday, 6th July
Course Venue: Our Lady's Bower, Athlone
Course Tutor: Mairtin Ó hAinle
Registration Fee: €10.00

Using ICT for Literacy & Numeracy in the Junior Classroom

This course engages teachers in a hands-on approach to using digital technologies in the junior classroom to support and enhance teaching, learning and assessment. Each module explores a range of digital tools that can be used to effectively develop active pupil learning in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Participants will be afforded many opportunities throughout the week to explore digital tools and online content relevant to this specific level within the primary school context. They will also explore how easily these tools can be differentiated to include all learners in the class, and in particular those with special educational needs. Relevant classroom-based examples of collaborative and cooperative work in infant classrooms will also be explored during the week by all participants as they begin to plan for the use of digital technologies to support teaching, learning and assessment in their own classrooms.

Course Code: 18 AE 812
Course Date: Monday, 2nd - Friday, 6th July
Course Venue: Mullingar ETNS
Course Tutor: Niall Larkin
Registration Fee: €10.00

A Whole School Approach to using ICT for School Leaders

This revised course explores the benefits and potential of technology to enhance the learning experience of students in the 21st century.

The course explores;

- Digital age learning cultures • ePortfolio developments for student led, self-directed learning
- Effective and strategic planning
- Digital citizenship and what this means for students, teachers and school leaders
- Pedagogical considerations and exemplars of pedagogical practice
- Technology to enhance personal and professional effectiveness as a school leader.

Course Code: 18 AE 813
Course Date: Monday, 2nd - Friday, 6th July
Course Venue: Tullamore ETNS, Collins Lane
Course Tutor: Oliver Keating
Registration Fee: €10.00

Scratch to Develop Numeracy

This course develops the use of Scratch 2.0 as a programming language in the primary classroom. The course includes a wide range of short classroom practice focused videos demonstrating Scratch being integrated in daily teaching activities at a range of class levels. Each module includes focused discussion regarding practical classroom applications of Scratch programming and makes specific reference to the use of Scratch as a teaching tool in developing, supporting and extending children's application of key mathematical concepts and skills. By means of a range of practical group activities, participants will also explore how they might incorporate Scratch across a variety of curriculum areas. Other important key areas of course content to be discussed and developed also include digital citizenship and internet safety, finding and selecting good quality digital content online, and developing whole school assessment practices through the use of digital technologies.

Course Code: 18 AE 814
Course Date: Monday, 2nd - Friday, 6th July
Course Venue: Tullamore College
Course Tutor: Declan Ward
Registration Fee: €10.00

Creating & using ICT Resources for Literacy & Numeracy

In this course, emphasis will be placed on guiding participants to create their own digital teaching, learning and assessment resources, while also exploring useful online tools to support and enhance pupils' cross-curricular work. Each module includes ample opportunity for discussion centred on classroom application and includes specific reference to the use of digital technologies in creating meaningful learning opportunities in the areas of literacy, numeracy and assessment. Each module refers to classroom-based examples of differentiation across the curriculum so as to cater for all pupils levels of ability and the variety of needs that exist within every class. Other important related areas of course content to be explored during the week include digital citizenship and internet safety, finding and selecting good quality digital content online and exploring the newly constructed Digital Learning Framework and how a school may go about creating their digital learning plan.

Course Code: 18 AE 815
Course Date: Monday, 2nd - Friday, 6th July
Course Venue: St. Etchen's NS, Kinnegad
Course Tutor: Greg Gilligan
Registration Fee: €10.00

Embedding ICT in the Primary Classroom

This course aims to equip teachers from all class levels with effective digital tools that will allow them to easily integrate digital technologies into their daily teaching. This course will investigate a wide range of curriculum related websites and resources which can enhance teaching, promote active learning and facilitate assessment right across the curriculum, paying particular focus to literacy and numeracy in this regard. Throughout this course, teachers are not only led in creating a wide range of digital teaching, learning and assessment resources that can be subsequently used in their classrooms, they also engage in a range of curricular-directed digital activities that can also be applied in their own settings to great effect. Other important areas to be discussed and developed also includes digital citizenship and internet safety, finding and selecting good quality digital content online, and developing whole school assessment practices through the use of digital technologies.

Course Code: 18 AE 816
Course Date: Monday, 2nd - Friday, 6th July
Course Venue: Athlone Education Centre
Course Tutor: Gráinne Healy
Registration Fee: €10.00

Reading & Writing Process using ICT

This course aims to investigate a range of effective and easy to use digital tools which can successfully support and enhance pupils' competence and confidence in the areas of reading comprehension, oral language, writing and vocabulary at all class levels. Throughout the week participants will explore practical classroom-based digital activities which will provide them with valuable approaches to employ when embedding digital technologies into their classroom practices to meaningfully enhance teaching, learning and assessment. Ways in which differentiation can be easily achieved to support all pupils, and in particular those with SEN needs, will also be explored in each module. Other important key areas of course content to be discussed and developed in this course also includes digital citizenship and internet safety, finding and selecting good quality digital content online, and developing whole school assessment practices through digital technologies.

Course Code: 18AE817
Course Date: Monday, 9th - Friday, 13th July
Course Venue: Athlone Education Centre
Course Tutor: Lisa Donnellan
Registration Fee: €10.00



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Athlone Education Centre reserves the right to cancel a course in the event of under-booking.

Should this be necessary, every effort will be made to accommodate you on another course or your *Registration Fee* will be refunded in full.

All of these Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Opportunities for Teachers are grant aided by the Teacher Education Section (TES) in the Department of Education & Skills. Certificates of attendance will be issued on completion of the course. *These are originals and will not be re-issued.*



Postal Address

Athlone Education Centre, Moydrum Rd., Athlone, Westmeath.

Summer Course Hours

Summer courses run from 9.30am to 2.00pm daily, with a morning break from 11.30am to 12 noon.