

**Title: Building Bridges of Understanding – A Strategic Approach to Children’s Comprehension Development**

**Dates :** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010.

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre

**Time:** 7pm – 9pm

**Presenters:** Dr. Martin Gleeson Mary Immaculate College, Maria Power Our Lady of Mercy N.S., Bantry and Deirdre Lehane, Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa, Castletownbere

In this presentation, participants will be introduced to a range of comprehension strategies modelled on Children’s Literature. The application of these strategies in mixed ability groups will be examined through examples of classroom practice.

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**Title: Creating Critical Thinkers and Giving Students a Voice**

**Date:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2010.

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre

**Time:** 7pm – 9pm

**Presenter:** Mary Roche NT. MA. PhD.

***Workshop***

Mary will demonstrate how a simple picture book can become a powerful tool for engaging children in critical thinking. Participants will be given guidance on resourcing picture books and facilitating classroom discussion. Mary hopes to set up a forum where teachers can share resources and experience.

***Biographical details***

Now a freelance education consultant, Dr Mary Roche worked many years as a primary school teacher. Mary researched her practice as a teacher in order to develop a dialogic classroom in which children would be encouraged to think critically.

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**Title: St. Patrick’s Day Parade Artworks.**

**Date:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2010.

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre

**Time:** 4.30pm – 6.30pm

**Presenter:** Marie Brett (Artist)

Artist Marie Brett has worked with numerous organisations making visual spectacles for parades including flags, banners, costumes, aerial sculptures plus more.

During this 2 hour workshop she’ll share a vast array of examples via a power-point presentation followed by practical demonstrations plus hints and tips about making your own fantastic creations with children of all ages.

This workshop will inspire you with masses of ideas and help you with practical guidelines for taking part in a parade. It is also transferable to use the ideas in classroom as part of your visual arts curriculum activities.

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**Title: Self Esteem in the Staffroom and Classroom with Dr. Tony Humphreys.**

**Date:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010.

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre.

**Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm

**Presenter:** Dr Tony Humphreys.

This presentation has been organised by the ILSA Support Group in conjunction with West Cork Education Centre.

Please see Separate Flyer attached.

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**Title: Artworks for Easter.**

**Date:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre.

**Time:** 6.30pm – 9.00pm

**Presenter:** Sonia Caldwell Artist & Tutor.

Sonia will cover a range of art and craft ideas for Easter to suit different ages. We will look at a range of ways to decorate eggs - dyeing, painting, papermache, egg blowing, and look at ways to accentuate them with Nest Making from hedgerow materials.

Papercrafts - paper flowers, bunnys, egg baskets etc. All products will be made from easily accessible materials and suitable for classroom work.

Making of a selection of the ideas will form part of this workshop while invaluable information and ideas will also be passed on for you to take back to your classroom.

Over the years of facilitating workshops with adults and children Sonia has used a wide range of materials, and will bring this experience to her workshop so that people will learn the wide range of possibilities available in an art class.

Her own art work has focused mainly on painting and stone sculpture but she has also touched on woodcarving, papermaking, mosaic and more, and has a general interest in natural and recycled materials.

She has worked for the last 4 years in the West Cork area, in schools, in the west cork art centre, summer festivals and summer camps.

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**Title: Encouraging Our Pupils To Write**

**Date:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre

**Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Presenters:** Paddy O' Connor & John O' Leary

Ideas, games, tricks and inspiration from two experienced teachers and writers.

An experienced teacher and a widely published poet have come together to bring us an inspirational workshop full of ideas, games and tips to encourage our pupils to write and discover a world of creativity.

Presenters:

Paddy O'Connor: Counsellor, Tutor and retired Deputy Principal

John O'Leary: Poet and Visiting Professor to American Universities

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**Title: Fun With Drama.**

**Date:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre.

**Time** 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

**Presenter:** Maria Power.

Exploring Drama in the classroom (from infants to sixth) through poetry and story.

An experienced classroom teacher and trained tutor offers participants a two- hour workshop filled with ideas and strategies to enhance the use of Drama in the classroom.

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**Title: First Aid Emergencies in School.**

**Date:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre

**Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Target Group:** Teachers and SNAs

**Presenter:** Jerry Harrington, Irish Red Cross

This workshop will provide teachers and SNAs with valuable information on what to do and what not to do in a school first aid emergency. The presenter will include topics such as. bleeding, recovery position, epilepsy, diabetes, broken bones, burns, choking, asthma etc.

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**Teidil: Úsáid na Drámaíochta i Múineadh na Gaeilge.**

**Cathain :** Deardaoin, 18ú Márta 2010

**Cén Áit :** Ionad Oideachais Iarthar Chorcaí

**Am:** 7.00-9.00in.

**Éascaitheoir:** Máire Nic Charthaigh. (PPDS)

Sa cheardlann seo déanfar iniúchadh ar straitéisí drámaíochta atá oiriúnach do mhúineadh na Gaeilge. Ní drámaíocht don stáitse a bheidh i gceist, ach bainfear feidhm as gníomhaíochtaí atá oiriúnach do na scileanna teanga go léir, an éisteacht, an lábhairt, an léitheoireacht agus an scríbhneoireacht.

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**Title: The Art of Performing and Storytelling.**

**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre.

**Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Presenter:** Melissa Baker.

Melissa Baker, Storyteller, theatre and Circus director, master of fine arts from the University of California offers a creative workshop in the art of performing and storytelling. Using physical theatre, gesture voice and facial expression, teachers are guided through fun exercises to perform and create stories in the Classroom.

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**Teidil: Úsáid na Gaeilge tríd an Scoil i rith an Lae.**

**Cathain :** Deardaoin, 22ú Aibreáin 2010

**Cén Áit :** Ionad Oideachais Iarthar Chorcaí

**Am:** 7.00-9.00in.

**Éascaitheoir:** Máire Nic Charthaigh. (PPDS)

Tá sé tabhachtach nach gcloistear an Ghaeilge sa cheacht Gaeilge amháin ach go mbaintear úsáid aisti go nádúrtha chun cumarsáid a dhéanamh ar fud na scoile i rith an lae. Sa cheardlann seo déantar iniúchadh ar na straitéisí atá ar fáil chun an Ghaeilge a chur cun cinn lasmuigh den cheacht Gaeilge ‘sna scoileanna T2.

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