

The Inclusion of Minority Ethnic Communities in Second Level Schools in Region 4

Target Group: Principals, Deputy Principals & Teachers (Post Primary)

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Wed. 7th Oct. & Wed. 11th Nov., 2009

Course Duration: This Workshop will be divided into 2 Sessions

Times: 7-9pm

Tutor: E. O'Keeffe, J. Geoghegan & F. Mc Donnell

Description:

The West Cork Education Centre in collaboration with the other Education Centres in Region 4, Second Level Support Service & School Development Planning Initiative continues to support the Inclusion of Minority Ethnic Students in Second Level Schools across the Region.

Initial Support Meetings commenced in 2008 for Principals and teachers. (Reports were circulated). A second series of workshops took place in Region 4 in Spring /Summer 2009.

A third series of workshops will take place during **October/ November 2009** across the Region. This Workshop will be divided into 2 Sessions

Principals, Deputy Principals and Teachers are invited to attend these Sessions. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to nominate a representative of the Management Team to attend on your behalf. We invite you to nominate teachers of Learning Support, Language Support or Mainstream teachers, who are engaging with Newcomer students, to attend these sessions.

We would appreciate it if you could ask those attending on behalf of the school to bring to the workshop sessions any materials, which are of particular relevance to the Agenda Topics. The focus is Inclusive Practice and Teaching Strategies.

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Calling Teachers of English (Junior Cycle & Transition
Year)
Explore Literature through Drama Strategies

- Target Group:** Secondary English Junior Cycle & Transition Year
- Venue:** West Cork Education Centre
- Dates:** Wednesday Oct 14th
- Course Duration:** 1 evening
- Times:** 7-9pm
- Tutor:** Helen Hallissey, M.Ed., M.St., Former Arts Advisor with the PPDS
- Description:** 'Liven up the Literature' Series
Exploring the Novel, Hear my thunder roll my cry;
Through drama strategies

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Fun-Filled Course on Samba Drumming for all Abilities & Levels

Target Group: Primary & Post Primary Teachers

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: **Option: Night 1** Thursday Oct 15th 2009
Night 2 Thursday Oct. 22nd 2009

Please Note: Participants are welcome to attend Evening 1 only or for anyone who wishes to explore the Samba Drumming in more detail, you will be welcome to attend on both evenings

Times: 7-9pm

Facilitator: Fionnuala Keane, Primary School Teacher (Trainer of Samba Drumming)

Description: Enjoy the exotic rhythms of Brazil at a hands-on, fun-filled course on Samba drumming for all abilities and levels.
Integrate with P.E. ,Art, S.E.S.E...guaranteed to enjoy

West Cork Education Centre have purchased a set of samba drums and will be organising a system where schools can borrow the drums for a period of time.

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Post Primary Year Heads Meeting / Support Group

Target Group: Post Primary Year Heads Meeting / Support Group

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Monday Oct. 19th 2009

Course Duration: Meetings will be organised through out the year.

Times: 7-9pm

Tutor: Harry Freeman (Second Level Support Service)

Description: **Local Network for Year Heads**

The local network for year heads will continue this year. This will offer a forum for year heads to share experience, expertise and concerns and to engage in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) into the future. The next session will include:

- Input on planning and organising
- Discussion on further relevant issues

ALL WELCOME

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Support for Newly Qualified Teachers & Substitute Teachers Post-Primary

- Target Group:** Newly Qualified and Substitute Teachers Post Primary
- Venue:** West Cork Education Centre
- Dates:** Tuesday Oct 20th 2009
- Course Duration:** 1 evening
- Times:** 7-9pm
- Tutor:** Kieran Golden, Deputy Principal, Mayfield Community School
- Description:** This session will give you an opportunity to meet with teachers who are recently qualified and teachers who are actively seeking teaching positions at second level.
- By the end of the session, you will be able to:
- Identify strategies to help you secure a teaching position
 - Give examples of good practice once you are in a school and teaching
 - Share tips for forming a good working relationship with teachers
 - Consider ways in which you can build rapport with students
 - Further strengthen your communication skills with parents

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Irish Learning Support Association

West Cork Branch

Target Group: Learning Support and Resource Teachers in Primary and Post-Primary Schools
We invite all members of ILSA (West Cork) as well as all teachers who have an interest in Special Educational Needs, Learning Support or Language Support to attend this meeting

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Wednesday Oct 21st 2009

Times: 7-9pm

Description: The first meeting of the 2009/10 school year of the West Cork Branch of ILSA will be held on Wednesday 21st October. The focus of the meeting will initially be on one of the presentations made at the recent Annual Conference in Drumcondra. The meeting will be chaired by Ita McCarthy (Chairperson, ILSA West Cork) and the discussion will be introduced by Jean Johnston (Sec), who will briefly talk about in-house assessment and diagnostic testing in relation to students with dual exceptionality.

The plan for the evening is that there will be contributions, either on this subject or on any matter relating to the teaching of students with learning difficulties or special educational needs, from those attending. This will be an informal, open-forum discussion and we would particularly like you to share your ideas and your expertise, and maybe also your concerns, with the rest of us at the meeting.

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LCVP Teachers – Exam Review Night

- Target Group:** All LCVP Teachers
- Venue:** West Cork Education Centre
- Dates:** Thursday Nov. 5th 2009
- Course Duration:** 1 evening
- Times:** 7-9pm
- Tutor:** Sean Rowan
- Description:** Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
Exam Review Night
Topic: Exam Review 2009

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Cooperative Learning (CL) – A New Approach to Classroom Management

Target Group: Language teachers (English, Gaeilge, Modern Language)

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Monday Nov. 16th & Tuesday Nov. 24th 2009

Times: 7-9pm

Facilitator: Maria Garvey (SLSS)

Description: This workshop introduces a new approach to classroom management which explores methodologies that empower students of all abilities and learning styles to progress at the highest level.

Students work in small groups to enhance their own and each other's learning. Research results have shown the development of social skills, higher levels of achievement, increased attendance rates and a significant spirit of cooperation and engagement among students.

Learning Outcomes - Teachers will be able to:

- Structure the Five Basic Elements of Cooperative Learning into each class
- Implement active language learning methodologies

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THE CHANGING FACE OF BULLYING

Target Group: Post Primary School Teachers

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Monday November 23rd, 2009

Times: 7-9pm

Facilitator: Paddy O'Connor, Secondary School Teacher & Counsellor

Description: **THE CHANGING FACE OF BULLYING**

Bullying has always been, and continues to be, a problem in our schools. In this workshop we will discuss how bullying has changed in recent times; why some people bully; why some people are bullied; what we, as teachers, can do to prevent bullying and how we can help both students who bully and those who are bullied.

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Voice Care for the Teacher

Target Group:	All Primary & Post Primary Teachers
Venue:	West Cork Education Centre
Dates:	Monday November 30 th
Times:	7-9.30pm
Tutor:	Helena Walsh (B.A., Voice Coach & Director of Actor Training Ireland)

Description:

- 1 Addresses individual vocal concerns
- 2 Teaches a series of practical techniques that will address vocal fatigue and strain.
- 3 Focuses on relaxing the voice through posture, breathe and pitch work
- 4 Analyses the working environment.
- 5 Develops voice projection.
- 6 Releases vocal confidence and clarity in the speaker
- 7 Gives tips on how to have more colour, range and warmth in the voice.

Participants are welcome to bring along a recording device so that they can record the exercises in the workshop and use them at home.

Helena Walsh voice coach, singer and actor. She trained as a voice coach with Andrea Ainsworth voice coach at the Abbey Theatre and with Kevin Crawford one of the founding members of Roy Hart International Voice centre in the South of France.

She has taught voice work for New York University's Tisch School of the Arts Overseas Programme in Dublin and was Artistic Director of the N.Y.U. Summer Programme Abroad from 2006 to 2008. As a tutor she has also worked as a voice coach on the Professional Training Programme at Trinity College Dublin and on the B.A. in Theatre Studies programme at University College Cork. Some of her work at N.Y.U and Trinity College includes **Waiting for Godot** by Samuel Beckett, William Shakespeare's **Twelfth Night**, **Yerma** by Federico García Lorca and **By the Bog of Cats** by Marina Carr. She has taught internationally in France, Italy and New York and has also worked as a voice coach on many professional Irish productions including **Amadeus** (Oroboros Theatre Company) and **The Alice Trilogy** (Abbey Theatre). At the Abbey she has assisted Andrea Ainsworth on productions such as **The Plough and the Stars** and **Henry IV**.

Helena also specializes in Teacher Training and has taught and trained teachers in Voice, Drama and Shakespeare over the past ten years. In 1994 Helena set up **Songspiel**, a Cabaret company devoted to telling musical stories, with Paul Keenan. In summer 2009 with the demise of the Professional Actor Training Programme in Trinity College Dublin, Helena and two of her former colleagues set up a new and exciting actor training programme in Ireland.

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