

Scrúdú Cailíochta na Gaeilge & Beginners Irish
Information Evening

- Target Group:** **Scudú Cailíochta na Gaeilge** – Teachers that need to achieve full DES recognition.
Beginners Irish
- Venue:** West Cork Education Centre
- Dates:** Wednesday October 14th 2009
- Times:** 6.30 -7.30 p.m.
- Tutor:** Cal McCarthy and Michael J. Collins, who are official Department of Education SCG trainers
- Description:** Beginner Irish classes will be organised for 2009/10 based on the number of applicants. All are welcome to attend this information evening and every effort will be made to facilitate people of every standard.
S.C.G. Information Evening
The S.C.G. provides an opportunity for Primary Teachers who obtain their teaching qualifications outside the State to acquire the qualifications in Irish is necessary to gain recognition as a Primary Teacher within the State.
Please inform any teachers who need to achieve full DES recognition of this opportunity.

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MUSIC & ICT SUPPORT NIGHT

Target Group: All Primary Teachers

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Wednesday October 14th 2009

Times: 7-9.30pm

Tutor: John Crowe, Music Teacher.
John is part of the 'ICT and the Arts' design team with the INTO. He provides ICT solutions in education, software design and coordinates projects with Yamaha, Compaq and Creative Labs

Description: Topics covered;

- Using the computer to record compositions in the classroom.
- Composing, using the computer to compose music with easy to use software.
- Using the internet as a resource - sourcing software and free backing tracks to accompany singing in the classroom plus new resources such as Imagebank and Worldbook
- Merging sound and digital pictures to create slideshows for a school website, scanning images etc...
- How to use YouTube files in the classroom.
- Creating a school website that contains music, video, blogs etc....
- Fun and interesting music projects such as creating a music cd/dvd, making music for a mobile phone, creating a podcast, creating soundscapes for a school concert/video etc...
- Software used for the course and course notes will be made available to all participants.

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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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Primary Teachers Integrated Arts Workshops

- Target Group:** All Primary Teachers
- Venue:** West Cork Education Centre
- Dates:** Thursday 15th October, 2009
Wednesday Nov. 4th, 2009
- Course Duration:** 2 Evenings
- Times:** 7-9pm
- Tutor:** Helen Hallissey, M.Ed., M.St., Former Arts Advisor with the PPDS
- Description:** **Thursday 15th October:** Drama, Visual Arts & Music on the beanshee 3rd – 6th Class
Friendly Ghost Infants – 2nd Class
Wednesday 4th November – *Selfish Joint* Infants – 2nd Class
Michael Collins 3rd – 6th Class

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Buíon Ghairmiúil Múinteoirí don Ghaeilge

- Target Group:** Primary teachers
- Venue:** West Cork Education Centre
- Dates:** Starting on Monday October 19th.
- Course Duration:** 2 evenings during the 1st term, 2 evenings during 2nd Term and 1 evening in the 3rd term. The other dates will be decided by the participants.
- Times:** 7-9pm
- Facilitator:** Máire Mhic Chárthaigh, comhairleoir le Gaeilge/Tús Maith leis an PPDS.

Teacher Professional Communities. T.P.C.

The purpose of a Teacher Professional Community is to enable teachers to work together to develop knowledge, skills, and competencies and to examine resources. A Teaching Professional Community will be established in the West Cork Education Centre for teachers who wish to:

- examine the methodologies and strategies of Curaclam na Bunscoile don Ghaeilge.
- share their experience
- practise speaking in an informal, supportive and non-threatening atmosphere
- discuss their needs
- examine resources and share resources
- partake in music / drama workshops through the medium of Irish.

Would you like to be part of that TPC?

Please confirm your attendance by returning application form to West Cork Education Centre by October 8th 2009 (Application form on last page)

Buíon Ghairmiúil Múinteoirí don Ghaeilge

Is é is brí le Buíon Ghairmiúil Múinteoirí don Ghaeilge ná grúpa múinteoirí a bhfuil suim acu sa Ghaeilge ag bualadh le chéile chun

- modheolaíochtaí agus straitéisí mhúineadh na Gaeilge a chíoradh
- a riachtanais a phlé
- an teanga a chleachtadh
- a gcuid taithí a roinnt ar a chéile
- áiseanna don Ghaeilge a iniúchadh
- ceardlanna ceoil/drámaíochta a dhéanamh

Ar mhaith leat a bheith páirteach i mBuíon Ghairmiúil Múinteoirí don Ghaeilge?

Cathain: Ag tosú ar an Luan an 19ú Dheireadh Fómhair. Ag bualadh le chéile faoi dhó sa chéad téarma agus faoi dhó arís sa dara téarma. Cruinniú amháin sa tríú téarma. Socróidh na rannpháirtithe na dátaí eile.

Am: 7-9 i.n.

Áit: An t-Ionad Oideachais, Iarthar Chorcaí.

Éascaitheoir: Máire Mhic Chárthaigh, comhairleoir le Gaeilge / Tús Maith leis an PPDS.

Líon an fhoirm iarrtais má tá suim agat bheith linn.

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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Information Session: Individual Teacher Preparation & Planning for Newly Qualified & Probationary Teachers

Target Group: Primary Probationary Teachers

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Tues. Nov. 3rd, 2009

Course Duration: Meetings will be organised through out the year

Times: 7-9pm

Tutor: Teresa Piggot, Primary Professional Development Service Advisor

Description: Individual Teacher Preparation and Planning for Newly Qualified Teachers.

Newly Qualified Teachers will have an opportunity to share good practice in their individual planning in the context of Whole School Planning.

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Cúpla Focal Éile

This course is based on the TÚS MAITH initiative where support will be offered for development of teachers' competence in spoken Irish.

This evening workshop is aimed at primary teachers who wish to improve their own proficiency in the Irish language.

Course Content:

Emphasis on oral work – pair work, group work, questioning, games in a supportive, informal and non intimidating atmosphere. Work will be relevant to Curaclam Gaeilge na Bunscoile.

Venue: West-Cork Education Cente.

Date: Wednesday, November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, December 2nd. 7pm – 9pm

Facilitator: Máire Mhic Chárthaigh PPDS Advisor for Gaeilge/ Tús Maith.

Ceardlann Teanga (bunaithe ar an scéim 'Tús Maith')

Aidhm: Cumas teanga an mhúinteora a fhorbairt chomh maith le misneach agus muinín sa Ghaeilge a spreagadh.

CÉ?: Tá an cheardlann seo oscailte do gach múinteoir bunscoile atá ag iarraidh a c(h)uid Gaeilge féin a chleactadh, a úsáid agus a fhorbairt.

CAD?: Deiseanna chun Gaeilge a labhairt ag úsáid cluichí, gníomhaíochtaí beirte agus grúpa atá bunaithe ar Churaclam Ghaeilge na Bunscoile.
Smaointe le fáil ar conas Gaeilge labhartha a chur ar súil sa seomra ranga.

CATHAIN? : An Chéadaoin an 4ú, 11ú, 18ú, 25ú Samhna, 2ra Nollaig
7-9 i.n

IONAD?

Ionad Oideachais Iarthar Chorcaí.

Gach eolas ón Ionad Oideachais 023- 8856756/8856757.

Éascaitheoir: Máire Mhic Chárthaigh, comhairleoir don Ghaeilge/Tús Maith leis an PPDS

Beatha teanga í a labhairt

Primary School Principal's Network

The West Cork Primary Principals Network has been in existence since 1997/98 and meets on the first Wednesday of every month in O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty.

Meetings of the group are informal and completely confidential. Principals

- **discuss recent DES correspondence and circulars**
- **exchange ideas and information on general administrative issues that arise in schools and**
- **highlight recent publications (e.g. SEN guidelines, NEWB guidelines) and their implications for Principals and staff**

Occasionally guest speakers (e.g. NEPs) are suggested by the Network and have been facilitated by the West Cork Education Centre so that the speakers and their topics can be disseminated to a wider audience.

All Primary School Principals in the West Cork area are cordially invited to attend and share a cup of tea and your wisdom with the group.

The first meeting of the 2009/10 academic year will be held on Wednesday 7th October at 8.00 p.m.

Future meetings are planned for:-

- **Wednesday 4th November 2009**
- **Wednesday 9th December 2009**
- **Wednesday 3rd February 2009**
- **Wednesday 3rd March 2009**
- **Wednesday 5th May 2009**

(Dates of meetings in April/June to be confirmed)

The Chairperson of the Network is Mr. Paddy French, Lisavaird N.S. (023-8838813) and the Secretary is Ms. Adrienne Downes, St. Joseph's Girls' National School, Clonakilty (023-8833050).

MATHS - The Teaching of Number Operations and Number
Facts
Strategies for teaching numbers

Target Group: Primary School Teachers

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Thursday Nov. 5th 2009

Times: 7-9pm

Facilitator: John Lordan

Description: **Strategies, games & using computers in the teaching of Number Operations & Number Facts.**

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A Practical Workshop to Explore the Construction Strand of the Visual Arts Curriculum

Target Group: All Primary Teachers

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Monday November 9th

Course Duration: 1 evening

Times: 7-9pm

Tutor: Marie Brett (Artist & Tutor)

Marie has an extensive working knowledge of holding art projects within schools.

Description: A practical workshop sharing new ideas and techniques for building structures linked to the visual arts curriculum construction strand. Artist and tutor Marie Brett will lead demonstrations in using an assortment of materials followed by a practical session where you can make your own construction samples to take away. Suitable for all primary age groups. Materials available: wire, cane, plaster of paris, wood, paper, re-cycled, plastic etc.

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THE CHANGING FACE OF BULLYING

Target Group: Primary School Teachers

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Wednesday November 11th, 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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Exploring Song-Singing:

Target Group: Primary School Teachers

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Thursday Nov. 12th 2009

Times: 7-9pm

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

Description: **Exploring Song-Singing:**
This workshop aims to develop teachers` confidence in the Performing strand of the Music curriculum. It will provide practical ideas in choosing songs. It will also explore many ways to develop and change a song and so add to enjoyment. The ideas can be developed to suit all classes of the Primary school.

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Learning to Play & Enjoy Percussion Instruments

Target Group: Primary School Teachers

Venue: West Cork Education Centre

Dates: Thursday Nov. 19th 2009

Times: 7-9pm

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

Description: This workshop is designed to explore sounds created by instruments. It will also incorporate ideas for performing with tuned and un-tuned percussion.

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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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