



Giftedkids.ie Pilot Webinar Series

Throughout 2010 Giftedkids.ie, the voluntary support and advocacy website for exceptionally able and twice exceptional children, is presenting a pilot series of 6 online synchronous webinars aimed at parents, teachers and education professionals. This series is free to all participants and is supported by [Social Entrepreneurs Ireland](#) and [NCTE](#). This is an exciting and innovative way to interact online in a training environment. Participants will need access to a pc, laptop or mac with a broadband connection and a headset or internal speaker system.

The second in the series, "**How to be Your Child's Best Advocate – supporting your exceptionally able child at home and at school**" is scheduled for **Thursday, March 25th at 7.00pm**. If you wish to participate in this live event or would like to submit a question for the presenters in advance please send your email address or questions to webinars@giftedkids.ie. In this webinar Margaret Keane and Anna Giblin of Giftedkids.ie will be discussing:

- **The love of learning** - keeping up with your exceptionally able child.
- **Negotiating the early years** – preschool activities.
- **Importance of a peer group** and how to help a child create opportunities for friendship.
- **The relationship between home and school** and the key partnership between teacher and parent.
- **Importance of parental involvement** – supporting your school community
- **Dealing with the transition** from home to primary school and from primary school to second level.
- **Asking for help or support** - how to successfully advocate on behalf of your child.

The first webinar in this series, "**Characteristics of the Exceptionally Able – Faster, Earlier, Differently**" was broadcast on January 28th and is now available to view online at Learncentral.org (<http://tinyurl.com/ycy502c>). The feedback from this event has been highly supportive and we would like to thank all of the participants who joined us online for what turned out to be a very lively discussion and presentation.

The four remaining webinars scheduled in the series are:

- **Educational Assessment**
- **Classroom Strategies – Curriculum Differentiation, Enrichment, Acceleration, Online ICT Resources for Teachers**
- **Dual Exceptionality – Aspergers, Adhd, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia, Behavioural Issues**
- **Social & Emotional Sensitivities**