

## Spring Post-Primary Programme 2012

Please note there is **NO FEE** for our local courses.



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### Watercolour Painting

A day to **relax, have fun** and **let your creativity flow!** Whether you are familiar with the medium of watercolour or have never used it before this is a day for you. Artist Mary Dillon will take you through the day using various skills and techniques to allow you to experience watercolour painting in a new and exciting way. After the day you will have your own painting to bring home. You will have new confidence in using watercolour. You will have many new ideas to bring to your students in your classrooms from junior **infants** through to **leaving cert.**

A follow-up workshop will be available in May

**Date:** Saturday 10th March  
**Venue:** Laois Education Centre  
**Time:** 9.30am—3.30pm  
**Facilitator:** Mary Dillon, Artist

### Teaching Happiness—Positive Psychology in Your Classroom

This course will provide an overview of the principles of positive psychology and its implications for the classroom. Learn how to enhance behaviour and learning, reduce stress and boost resilience and wellbeing in pupils and teachers alike. This session will present research on core issues such as the nature and importance of happiness, learned optimism, motivation, signature strengths, flow and mindfulness and we will also explore evidence-based practices for use in your own life and with your pupils.

**Date:** Thursday 9th February  
**Venue:** Central Hotel, Tullamore  
**Time:** 7.00pm—9.00pm  
**Facilitators:** Dr. Moya O'Brien & Dr. Deirdre Mac Intyre, Clinical Psychologists, I.CE.P.E. founding members of ICEPE

### EAL & Modern Languages

This session is aimed at any teacher of a second language. It will be of relevance to teachers of French, Spanish, Italian, German, Gaelic English as an additional language etc.

#### Second language teaching - principles and practical strategies.

The session will promote the creation of a dynamic classroom environment demonstrating the use of

- short films
- visual images
- songs drama-in-education teaching techniques.

This is an interactive session. Through presentation and workshop, it explores:

- creating a social dynamic within the learning group
- structuring pair and group work
- practical classroom strategies
- promoting engagement and participation of all students in the language

**Date:** Monday 27th February  
**Venue:** Laois Education Centre  
**Time:** 5.00—7.00pm  
**Facilitator:** Pauline Kelly, PDST Advisor

### Unlocking Learning Using Key Skills

This is an introductory course on Key Skills suitable for all second level teachers. The course will look at innovative teaching and learning methods to use so as to develop students' skills in Information Processing, Working with Others, Communicating, Critical and Creative Thinking and Being Personally Effective. Participants will gain experience of using the Key Skills Framework developed by the NCCA in planning for teaching and learning and will get practical ideas to use across a range of subject areas.

**Date:** Thursday 23rd February  
**Venue:** Laois Education Centre  
**Time:** 7.00—9.0pm  
**Facilitator:** Majella Dempsey, Education Department, NUIM

### Gaeilge

Tá fáilte roimh chách chuig ceardlann phraiticiúil le *Elaine Ní Neachtain* ar **conas daltaí a ullmhú don mbéaltríal san Ardeist.** Cuirfear oiliúint ar na múinteoirí i dtaobh an áis teagaisc *Cuireadh Chun Cainte*, agus leagfar amach pleán deich ranganna dóibh den bhealach is fearr ar féidir a gcuid daltaí a ullmhú idir sin agus aimsir na mbéalscrúduithe. Beidh neart nótaí chomh maith le cóip an duine den DVD ar fáil ar an oíche.

**Dáta:** Dé hAoine, 24 Feabhra 2012  
**Ionad:** Ionad Oideachais Laoise  
**Am:** 5:00 i.n- 6.30 i.n  
**Aoichainteoir:** Elaine Ní Neachtain

#### Information enclosed on the following courses: (Booking Essential)

#### 1. Is Feidir Liom—Parents' Beginners Irish Course Monday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th February—courses

- A. 11-1pm Central Hotel, Tullamore
- B. 7.30-9.30pm in Laois Ed Centre

#### 2. Board of Management Course Thursday 23rd February, 1st & 8th March in Laois Education Centre

### Interview Training for Teachers

The aim of this two-evening workshop is to help teachers in preparation for an interview. The following areas will be addressed:

- Session 1:**
- CV
  - Presentation of Self
  - Preparation
  - The Interview
  - Application Form
  - Research
  - First impressions

- Session 2:**
- Marking system/Criteria for interview
  - Camera Interview-one person
  - Feedback on Camera interview
  - Application of marking system
  - Questions & Summary
- Date:** Wednesday 29th February & 7th March  
**Venue:** Laois Education Centre  
**Time:** 7.00pm—9.30pm  
**Facilitator:** Mary Walsh, National Interview Counselling Agency

### The Comparative Study in Focus – Thinking About the Major Issues

The aim of the workshop is to develop The Critical Literacy of Students in approaching the Comparative Section of the Leaving Certificate English Syllabus.

This workshop will explore:

- Important issues in relation to student performance in the Comparative Section of the Leaving Certificate English Examination
- It will include the reading and assessment by participants of typical student responses
- Student responses will be discussed in plenary session

**Date:** Tuesday 21st February  
**Venue:** Laois Education Centre  
**Time:** 7.00—9.0pm  
**Facilitator:** Raymond Frawley, well known for his work in Curriculum Development & Assessment.

### Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) Induction Programme

The National Induction programme for Newly Qualified Teachers continues this term with seven workshops:

- Differentiation
- Literacy
- Gaeilge
- Behaviour Management
- Inclusion
- Numeracy
- Planning and Preparation

NQTs who have not registered with the Centre are welcome to join the programme. Please contact the centre for further details. Registration is essential.

### Leaving Certificate Honours German

#### Honours Leaving Certificate German The Written Paper and Marking Scheme

The facilitators will give advice on the 2011 paper, how it was marked and general pointers on how to tackle the exam.

Teachers are asked to bring a copy of the 2011 Honours LC German paper

**Date:** Tuesday 20th March  
**Venue:** Laois Education Centre  
**Time:** 7.00—9.0pm  
**Facilitators:** Ber Breathnach (Advising Examiner German ATAL) & Siobhan McCarthy (Former Advising Examiner German ATAL)

#### Confirmation of Places on Courses All places will be confirmed by text message.

### PROJECTS 2012

#### Co-operation is Cool

The aim of this initiative is to promote awareness of co-operation and how it works around us in the 21st century aided by modern technology. Schools are invited to submit projects from any class, especially Transition Year. **Exhibition of projects will take place in Laois Education Centre on Thursday 22nd March 2012**

**For further information and application on any of the above projects, please contact Yvonne at Laois Education Centre**

**To book a place on any of the above courses, please contact Yvonne at 057 8672400, [yvonne@laoisedcentre.ie](mailto:yvonne@laoisedcentre.ie) or return completed application form available in school or downloadable from our website [www.laoisedcentre.ie](http://www.laoisedcentre.ie) or see our Blog at [www.laoisedcentre.blogspot.com](http://www.laoisedcentre.blogspot.com) **Booking is essential**, places are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**Individual copies of this poster are available in your school.**