

SPRING COURSES 2012

(Primary and Post Primary)

Developing Video Camera Skills, Documenting & Evaluating with Video

This two-night workshop will provide you with a basic introduction that will allow you develop camera operating skills to capture quality footage and improve frame composition. The second night will be used to learn techniques relevant to documenting classroom-learning processes over programme time-frames and to evaluate learning outcomes using video-based interviews

Code: 12AE618
 Venue: Athlone Education Centre
 Date: Tues., 21st & 28th Feb.
 Time: 7.00p.m. - 9.30p.m.
 Tutor: Shane Crossan

Editing & Publishing Media (Photo & Video Projects)

This follow on night to our introductory workshops covers the editing and publishing of digital media. This includes importing and managing media, learning how to make the most of existing footage by editing and rendering of photo / video / sound footage, through to assembly, exporting completed footage and publishing online.

Code: 12AE619
 Venue: Athlone Education Centre
 Starts: Tues., 20th & 27th March
 Time: 7.00p.m. - 9.30p.m.
 Tutor: Shane Crossan

Introduction to your Interactive Whiteboard (Focus on Primary Schools)

The course enables teachers to: • become familiar with the main features of their interactive whiteboard • create a digital resource to support literacy or numeracy using their interactive whiteboard • become familiar with online resources suitable for use with their interactive whiteboard.

This course is ideally suited for Whole School Training with a minimum of 10 teachers required for the course to progress. Schools may cluster to achieve the required numbers. If interested in this training please contact us on (090) 64 20400.

Getting Started with your Laptop and Digital Projector

The course focuses on the development of basic ICT skills for those with little or no experience of ICT, particularly with regard to its use in the classroom.

The aim is to enable teachers to begin to use ICT in their classrooms independently and pursue other NCTE courses at the Basic level with confidence.

The skills learnt and content covered in this course are also applicable to interactive whiteboards.

Code: 12AE620
 Venue: Athlone Education Centre
 Date: Mon., 5th/12th/26th March
 Time: 7.00p.m. - 9.30p.m.
 Tutor: Eugene Dunbar

Creating ICT Resources

This course aims to develop the basic ICT skills many teachers already have and enable them to apply these skills to creating ICT resources for teaching and learning. Useful Internet sites for teaching and learning, digital cameras and creating digital stories using images and sound are among the key topics covered. The course focuses specifically on: • Literacy • Numeracy • Special Educational Needs.

Code: 12AE621
 Venue: Athlone Education Centre
 Date: Wed. 22nd/29th February & Wed., 14th March
 Time: 7.00p.m. - 9.30p.m.
 Tutor: Gearoid O' Duibhir

Developing Basic ICT Skills

This is a two night course for people who would like to develop their basic skills and gain more confidence in the use of ICT.

The two nights will develop at the pace of the group and it is an ideal opportunity to build your self-confidence. This is an ideal opportunity for those who may currently feel they are being left behind as technology changes - come along and learn!

Code: 12AE622
 Venue: Athlone Education Centre
 Date: Thurs., 1st & 8th March
 Time: 7.00p.m. - 9.30p.m.
 Tutor: Eugene Dunbar

Introduction to the Visualiser and other useful ICT equipment

This one day workshop will introduce you to the visualiser and how it can be used to enhance the teaching and learning that occurs in your classroom.

The night will also cover other equipment in brief such as digital cameras, scanners, printers, speakers and the fizzbook etc. An ideal introductory night!

Code: 12AE623
 Venue: Athlone Education Centre
 Date: Wednesday, 21st March
 Time: 7.00p.m. - 9.30p.m.
 Tutor: Gearoid O' Duibhir

Mental Health Awareness and Suicide & Suicidal Behaviour

This valuable night will cover such areas as:

- 1) What is mental health, what affects our mental health, how can we maintain levels of positive mental health.
- 2) Suicide in Ireland, suicide prevention in Ireland: national and local response, risk factors, warning signs, support services, what to do to help someone at risk

Code: LC12-14SP
 Venue: Athlone Education Centre
 Date: Monday, 12th March
 Time: 7.00p.m. - 9.30p.m.
 Tutor: Josephine Rigney, HSE

- First Aid - What to do in an emergency

Would you know what to do in a First Aid emergency? How would you react and what would you do? What could you do? Join our experienced tutor for this one night that could possibly be a life-saving experience.

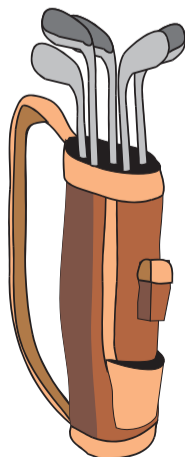
Learn what to do, how to do it, who to call, what to say, and maybe even more importantly - learn what not to do in an emergency situation.

Course Code: LC12 - 15SP
 Course Venue: Gainstown NS, Mullingar
 Course Date: Thursday, 1st March
 Time: 3.30p.m. - 6.00p.m.
 Tutor: Gerry Dunne

Teachers' Golf Society

In these days of stress and increased workload it is important that we learn to relax and unwind. Well, in this area we have numerous high quality golf clubs, and in the teaching profession we probably have numerous golfers too! Would you be interested in the idea of joining a golf society organised by Athlone Education Centre?

If you're interested in the possibility of joining our society then please contact Christina on (090) 64 20 400 or e-mail us directly to golf@athloneeducationcentre.com with your details.



Puppets for Sale!

As a result of recent courses Athlone Education Centre now has a limited number of puppets available for sale at discounted prices. These are a combination of small sleeve puppets and larger 65cm figures with full mouth and arm access.

There are only a limited amount of these puppets available and they vary in style and finish. Puppets have only been used for a period of six weeks and are in excellent condition.

If you wish to purchase one of the puppets please contact Deborah on (090) 6420403 or by email to info@athloneeducationcentre.com

Athlone Education Centre AGM

Thursday, 8th March @ 7.30pm

The Annual General Meeting of Athlone Education Centre will be held this year on Thursday, 8th March at 7.30p.m. in the Education Centre.

2011 was a busy year for the Centre and it appears as if 2012 is going to be just as active, dealing with the changing support structures available to schools. The meeting will report on the work of the Centre during 2011, outline the new initiatives undertaken in the past year and identify key areas for development in the coming year. All local primary and post primary teachers are invited to attend. Come along and get involved in your Education Centre!