

## Google CS First - Coding, Computational Thinking and Beyond!

CS First is a free programme that increases student access and exposure to computer science (CS) education for students, aged 9 - 14, through after school, in-school, or summer programmes, using the Scratch platform.

This course will provide a hands-on introduction to Google's CS First programme, including an overview of the materials available to facilitators. Educators will be equipped of the necessary skills to set up and run a club in their school afterwards.

**Date:** Thursday 4th October 2018  
**Time:** 7 - 8.30p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Shane Egan



## The Role of the Year Head - Towards a Team Approach

This course, which will be run over three evening sessions, will support the Year Head team in defining and establishing a definition and vision for the role and will introduce a range of template administration/support files.

Enabling Year Heads to support the wellbeing, learning and behaviour of the year group and discussing the role of the Year Head in supporting colleagues will also be a feature of the workshops.

**Dates:** Wednesday 10th, 17th and 24th October 2018  
**Time:** 7 - 9.30p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Harry Freeman



## 7th Annual Regional Research Conference 2018 - Teacher Research

**"Who Dares to Teach Must Never Cease to Learn"**  
Researchers Professional Biographies and Conference Abstracts available to view on [www.wtc.ie](http://www.wtc.ie)

**Opening Address:**  
Karen Sheerin, Science & Technology Programme Manager, RDS

**Keynote Speech:**  
Dr. Mark Rowe, G.P., Author, International Keynote Speaker, Expert on Lifestyle Medicine

**Date:** Saturday 13th October 2018  
**Time:** 10a.m. - 2p.m.  
**Venue:** Waterford Teachers' Centre



## Digital Resources for Literacy and Numeracy for Mainstream and SEN

This course will introduce teachers to the concept of managing resources and information online. The course will also build awareness of the key features and functions of a range of useful online literacy and numeracy websites which support the diverse learning needs of *all* students in Primary school.

The material sourced will enhance teaching and learning in a special education setting by allowing participants to create resources specific to the needs of their students.

**Date:** Tuesday 16th October 2018  
**Time:** 7 - 9p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Maureen O' Donnell



## Assessment Resources Project Launch

Kilkenny Education Centre has begun to develop a bank of standardised assessments, which can be borrowed by schools to trial their use. Standardised tests are one of a variety of assessment tools which can guide schools and teachers to plan for the individual needs of SEN students. At this session, David Carroll, NEPS, will present on the administration and interpretation of the results of standardised tests. Terms such as 'IQ' and 'Intelligence', and their implications for educators, will be discussed and explored.

**Date:** Wednesday 17th October 2018  
**Time:** 5 - 7p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** David Carroll, NEPS Psychologist



## Bottom Up History: Letters 1916-1923

The goal of this course is to explore the plethora of primary sources available online about The Decade of Commemoration. Letters 1916-1923 has developed several educational packages to help teachers introduce secondary school students to original primary sources, digital research and Irish history.

It will demonstrate a series of lesson plans developed on a variety of DOC topics, all utilising primary sources. The Letters 1916-1923 'Treasure Hunt' game-based activity that teaches students how to search for and evaluate online primary sources will also be explored.

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd October 2018  
**Time:** 5 - 6.30p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Dr. Grace O' Keeffe, Maynooth University



## History in a Box: The Battle of Mount Street Bridge

History in a Box is an interactive, tablet-based active-learning activity developed for *Transition Year students*. It provides the opportunity for peer-learning through an examination of primary sources within a game-like setting.

The activity focuses on one of the most iconic battles of The Easter Rising explored from multiple points of view. This workshop will introduce teachers to the activity and to the possibilities of the approach. Teachers can also book *History in a Box* for classroom use.

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd October 2018  
**Time:** 6.30 - 8p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Dr. Grace O' Keeffe, Maynooth University



## Google Sites for Mainstream and SEN

This course will allow teachers to explore the collaborative potential of using Google Sites within the mainstream and Special Education context, to showcase learning. The course will examine the numerous features that can be used when creating a Google Site and explore how you can create a class/group project or school website using Google Sites.

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd October 2018  
**Time:** 7 - 9p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Maureen O' Donnell



## Wildlife Detective Training

This is a two part, pilot project designed for Early Childcare Practitioners and Infant Teachers. It endeavours to help students transition from Pre-School to Primary using the theme of nature. The two workshops will equip participants with the practical resources to help explore Kilkenny's natural heritage covering topics such as birds, trees and mini-beasts.

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd October and 6th November 2018  
**Time:** 5 - 7p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Green Bee Education



## Youth Physical Activity Towards Health (Y-PATH) PE 4 Me

Y-PATH PE 4 ME is a Junior Cycle Post Primary programme which aims to improve physical activity among children and young people through the physical education (PE) module in the school curriculum. The programme is available only to PE teachers; teachers will have the ability to implement the Y-PATH PE 4 ME programme into their PE classes.

Teachers will be given a Y-PATH resource pack with lesson plans, posters, student journals, as well as access to an online teachers portal containing digital resources to assist with lessons. Teachers *must* complete a one hour online course on the Irish Heart Foundation website in advance of attending the course.

**Date:** Tuesday 6th November 2018  
**Time:** 5 - 8p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Irish Heart Foundation



## Kodaly and Friends in the Music Curriculum

This course is designed to give an excellent knowledge of music and its pedagogy. It is a completely practical course full of materials and ideas that are presently being used by Kodaly practitioners around the world today. The music curriculum is based on the Kodaly method of music education.

In this course, teachers will learn how to effectively teach rhythm, pitch, beat, singing, solfege and all other aspects of music. It is a practical course, learning a variety of songs and games to perform and play with a class to help them discover and experience music.

**Date:** Thursday 8th November 2018  
**Time:** 7 - 9p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Ferghal O' Conchubhair



## I Can't Draw a Straight Line! Drawing Workshop

This course will help you to learn some simple techniques about the basic elements of drawing. What can pencils do? What can rubbers do? Where exactly are our eyes when drawing our faces? When drawing, how do we make things look like they are far away? Bring a pencil and a rubber!

**Date:** Tuesday 13th November 2018  
**Time:** 7 - 9p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Sinéad Walsh



## iPads and Apps for the Classroom

This course will give a general overview of the accessibility features available on devices. Apps available for classroom and assessment use will be explored. Practical aspects of managing their use will also be examined.

**Date:** Tuesday 13th November 2018  
**Time:** 7 - 9p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Mary Brennan



## Integrating Drama Across the Curriculum: A Practical Guide for the Classroom

This course will explore how drama can be used to enhance learning across a variety of subjects in the Primary School Curriculum. The course will focus on the integration of Drama with Literacy, History, Geography, SPHE and Art in particular.

A key component of the course will be the exploration of suitable games and practical drama strategies and lessons, which can be easily used in the Primary classroom setting.

**Date:** Thursday 15th November 2018  
**Time:** 7 - 9p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Catriona Mulrooney



## Websites for Assessment

This course will provide an overview of websites and apps available for assessment use in the classroom. Resources are available for both classroom and SEN teachers and differentiation and inclusion of students will be a particular focus. Content will include how to develop these resources and use them with students and parents.

**Date:** Thursday 29th November 2018  
**Time:** 7 - 9p.m.  
**Venue:** Kilkenny Education Centre  
**Tutor:** Mary Brennan

