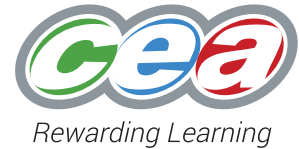


Overview of Workshops

Morning Sessions



Primary Conference for Curriculum Leaders: Share - Impact - Embed

Belfast Metropolitan College – Springvale Campus E3 Building, Belfast
Tuesday 13 March 2018, 10.00–16.00

A) Use of Role Models to Engage Pupils

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: Curriculum Design, Language & Literacy, Thinking Skills & Personal Capabilities, The World Around Us

FACILITATOR: Chris Donnelly (Holy Cross Boys' PS, Belfast)

TEACHER AUDIENCE: FS–KS2

ROOM: E3 Seminar Room

Chris Donnelly will describe how effective curriculum design and reflective pedagogy in Holy Cross Boys' PS has helped raise attainment and aspiration for pupils in a socially disadvantaged area. He will share a range of examples of school practice and projects about:

- encouraging fathers, grandfathers and uncles to spend 10 minutes a day reading with their boys;
- using role models from Cliftonville Football Club to promote learning;
- creating learning resources linked to the landmarks, language and history of the local community;
- philosophy time; and
- regular evaluation of how teachers' classroom practice impacts on learning and pupil attainment.

B) Digital Age Teaching and Learning: Using the iPad for Effective Teaching and Learning across the NI Curriculum

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: Connected Learning, Digital Skills

FACILITATOR: Michael O’Kane (St. Peter’s and St. Paul’s PS, Foreglen)

TEACHER AUDIENCE: KS2

ROOM: E3 Training Room 2

During this session, teachers will experience how the iPad can facilitate creative opportunities for teaching and learning across the curriculum. The apps explored will be applicable for use across the school and teachers will have the opportunity to engage in activities, work collaboratively and reflect on their own practice. In order to benefit fully from the session, please bring along an iPad with the latest iOS downloaded. If possible, please download the latest versions of these apps: Rory’s Story Cubes, Explain Everything, Kahoot, WordFoto, Jungle Geometry and Sphero Edu.

C) A Whole-School Approach to Problem-Solving and Investigative Work in Primary Mathematics

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: Mathematics & Numeracy,
CCS: Using Mathematics, Problem-Solving

FACILITATORS: Teresa Mulholland (St. Teresa’s PS, Lurgan) and
Matthew O’Brien (St. Joseph’s PS, Crumlin)

TEACHER AUDIENCE: FS–KS2

ROOM: E3 Training Room 6

This workshop will give an insight into the journey undertaken by a school in order to promote problem-solving strategies on a whole-school basis. The workshop will also give a background to the learning that is required to develop problem-solving strategies and give examples of the varieties of problems and investigations that can be used when teaching this challenging part of the Mathematics and Numeracy curriculum.

D) Enquiring about Learning through Play

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION:	The World Around Us, Play-Based Learning
FACILITATOR:	Diane McClelland (Stranmillis University College)
TEACHER AUDIENCE:	FS
ROOM:	CLC Meeting Room 2

A practitioner-focused workshop examining how enquiry-based learning can be made more playful and play more enquiry-based in pre-school and Foundation Stage classes.

E) Developing Core 21st Century Skills through Scientific Enquiry

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION:	The World Around Us, Scientific Enquiry, Problem-Based Learning
FACILITATORS:	Jody Marshall (CCEA Professional Associate), Sonya Baird (Olderfleet PS, Larne) and Aine Toal (Mullanaska PS, Enniskillen)
TEACHER AUDIENCE:	KS2
ROOM:	E3 Training Room 3

With 2018 being the Year of Engineering, there is no better time to hear about the importance of design thinking in the modern world. The aim of this workshop is to explain a Problem-Based Learning (PBL) approach in teaching science and technology within The World Around Us. Learn how a classroom environment can shift from instruction-led projects to the delivery of a design thinking approach through 'open-ended' challenges that develop 'real-life' problem-solving skills. Hear from Key Stage 2 teachers who are using design thinking methodology in the classroom and put your own creative problem-solving skills to the test!

F) How to Look at a Painting

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: The Arts

FACILITATOR: Joanna Fyffe (Ulster Museum Discovery Staff)

TEACHER AUDIENCE: KS1&2

ROOM: E3 Classroom 4

Looking at a painting should be a fun activity. You do not have to be an expert, and Joanna Fyffe will explain and provide ideas and questions to help you stimulate children's thinking.

G) Reading with Angel (a dog)

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: Language & Literacy

FACILITATOR: Susan Nelson and Angel, a working dog

TEACHER AUDIENCE: KS1&2

ROOM: CLC Meeting Room 3

Susan Nelson will talk about and demonstrate how Angel, a working dog, is used in Abbey PS to encourage reluctant readers across the school to enjoy their reading times and to develop their reading skills further in a secure environment.

H) Digital Skills in Irish-Medium Schools

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: Connected Learning, Digital Skills, Irish Medium

FACILITATOR: Fionntán Ó Mealláin (Gaelscoil na bhFál)

TEACHER AUDIENCE: KS1&2

ROOM: CLC Meeting Room 5

Fionntán Ó Mealláin will look at how the SAMR model of computer technology affects teaching and learning in Irish-medium schools.

I) The Mixture that Makes Ulster

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: The World Around Us, Ulster Scots, Irish Medium, Thinking Skills & Personal Capabilities, Personal Development & Mutual Understanding

FACILITATOR: Liam Dempsey (CCEA)

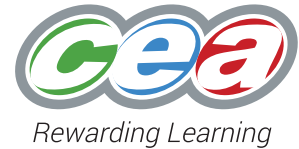
TEACHER AUDIENCE: KS2

ROOM: CLC Meeting Room 5

The workshop explores the use of a KS2 shared heritage resource that chronicles the development of language in Europe, Ireland and the UK. Rich in its TWAU content, it also provides many imaginative and thought provoking opportunities for teaching and learning of TS&PC and PD&MU.

Overview of Workshops

Afternoon Sessions



Primary Conference for Curriculum Leaders: Share - Impact - Embed

Belfast Metropolitan College – Springvale Campus E3 Building, Belfast
Tuesday 13 March 2018, 10.00–16.00

A) Developing and Maintaining a Positive Learning Environment

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION:	Personal Development & Mutual Understanding, Personal Wellbeing
FACILITATOR:	Sharon Patterson (Abbey PS, Newtownards)
TEACHER AUDIENCE:	FS–KS2
ROOM:	E3 Seminar Room

A positive learning environment allows children to express their views honestly and openly and to discuss challenging topics without fear of reprisal or judgement from others. Sharon Patterson from Abbey PS will share learning approaches and strategies that have worked in her school.

B) Digital Age Teaching and Learning through Online Collaboration

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION:	Online collaboration, CCS: Using ICT
FACILITATORS:	Jacinta Diamond (St Canice's PS, Feeny) and Hugh Meenagh (Tummery PS, Dromore)
TEACHER AUDIENCE:	FS–KS2
ROOM:	E3 Training Room 2

Online collaboration is working together online using digital tools to communicate, collect and share ideas, complete a task or create something new. This session will allow teachers to explore the benefits of online collaboration tools such as Office 365 and Gsuite and what this looks like in the Primary classroom. We will hear from two teachers who will demonstrate how they use digital tools to engage with governors, staff, parents and pupils. They will share how this strategy has been implemented and the benefits of online collaboration in their own schools.

C) Inclusion in Sport and PE

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION:	Physical Education for Children with SEN
FACILITATOR:	Mark George (Harberton Special School, Belfast)
TEACHER AUDIENCE:	FS–KS2
ROOM:	E3 Main Atrium

This workshop focuses on inclusion in sport and PE and offers a range of strategies for including a pupil who has a physical disability in a lesson. It will also look at the set-up and benefits of sensory circuits designed to stimulate pupils with special educational needs and to enable them to engage in a series of specific activities. The workshop will also highlight CCEA's resource *Every Sport for Everyone*, an online tool to support teachers to make PE lessons more inclusive.

D) Talking and Listening into Writing

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: CCS: Communication

FACILITATORS: Kathleen Cassidy and Briege Lyttle (ETI)

TEACHER AUDIENCE: FS

ROOM: CLC Meeting Room 2

In this workshop, you can explore the development of a creative learning environment to promote progression in language and literacy skills from pre-school to Years 1 and 2 in the Foundation Stage.

E) Visual Impairment Impact in the Classroom

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: Access to the Curriculum, SEN

FACILITATOR: Ruth Sturgeon (Jordanstown School)

TEACHER AUDIENCE: KS1&2

ROOM: E3 Classroom 4

This interactive workshop will provide valuable awareness into some of the issues in the classroom for children with a visual impairment and some steps to address these.

F) Reading Strategies that Make a Difference: Reciprocal Reading and a Peer Tutoring Approach

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: Language & Literacy

FACILITATORS: Brian McCaughey (St Teresa's PS, Belfast) and Debbie Turtle (Castle Gardens PS, Newtownards)

TEACHER AUDIENCE: KS1&2

ROOM: CLC Meeting Room 3

Brian McCaughey will talk about Reciprocal Reading in a P6 class and how it has developed and extended the reading skills of his pupils. Debbie Turtle will talk about the impact of a Peer Tutoring approach to Reading in a P5 and P7 classroom.

G) Christian Apologetics at KS2

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: Religious Education, Thinking Skills & Personal Capabilities, Personal Development & Mutual Understanding

FACILITATOR: Rev. John Kirkpatrick

TEACHER AUDIENCE: Upper KS2

ROOM: CLC Meeting Room 5

This workshop will provide an overview of how Rev. Kirkpatrick has addressed Christian Apologetics with KS2 in the north Antrim area. Drawing on the Thinking Skills lying at the core of our curriculum, it explores how we go about formulating questions about the more profound aspects of our lives and how we can give pupils opportunities to investigate those questions in relation to faith.

H) Boosting Pupil Wellbeing through Outdoor Science

NI CURRICULUM CONNECTION: The World Around Us, Personal Development & Mutual Understanding, Outdoor Learning, Scientific Enquiry, Contributors to the Environment, Thinking Skills & Personal Capabilities, Personal Wellbeing

FACILITATORS: Andy Griggs (Lough Neagh Discovery Centre) and Neil McAllister (Fairview PS, Ballyclare)

TEACHER AUDIENCE: Upper KS2

ROOM: E3 Training Room 3

When the majority of children are spending less time outdoors than prison inmates, coupled with increasing levels of obesity and lower mental wellbeing, it's time to take action. Develop your understanding of the importance of biodiversity and get ideas for co-exploration, taking science learning outdoors in your school grounds. Hear from a practitioner about the impact outdoor learning has had in his school and hear about some of the practical considerations to help you get started.

