



Mayo Education Centre - ICT Spring Courses 2017



Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)

In the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), pupils are taught to communicate a need by exchanging an image, thus helping to enhance the pupil's communication abilities and understanding of the function of communication. The system was designed for young and preverbal children and follows eight defined stages. The method also encourages the pupil to initiate spontaneous communication.

Participants will become aware of how PECS can be used to support language development for students.

1. Identify how PECS can be used to assist communication
2. Practice the skills necessary for the 6 stage PECS model

The course explores a range of Assistive Technology suited to single users or whole class activities .

Date	Time	Venue	Tutor	Places
24th January 2017	7pm - 9.30pm	Mayo Education Centre	Joan Nugent	12

Introduction to Scratch

Scratch is a free application, developed by the MIT Media Lab, which allows users to create and share their own interactive stories, animations and games. It is easier to use than traditional programming languages as it consists of graphical blocks which snap together. This course, which runs over two nights (Total 5 hours), enables teachers to use Scratch to support teaching and learning. Teachers will learn how to develop an interactive game using Scratch and explore the use of Scratch to support teaching and learning.



Course Content

Introduction to the basic skills and concepts of Scratch

Discuss the use of Scratch as a support for teaching and learning

Using Scratch in the classroom, sharing projects and troubleshooting

Introduction to other online resources to support teachers in their ongoing use of Scratch in the classroom.

Participants will learn how to troubleshoot with Scratch

Describe how Scratch can be used to support the curriculum objectives of their own class level/subject area

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2nd & 9th of February 2017	7pm - 9.30pm	Mayo Education Centre	Iseult Mangan	14



Clicker 7 helps every child to play an active role in their own learning and offers complete support throughout the writing process. An overview of the Clicker Apps suites: Clicker Sentences, Clicker Connect, Clicker Docs, Clicker Books and Clicker Communicator

How to use Clicker 7 software to support pupil's learning. Over the 4 nights you will learn,

- How to access and use existing Clicker sets, including online resources
- How to create a Clicker book
- How to make personalized word banks
- How to provide differentiated resources to a class for a literacy activity.

Please download 30 day trial of Clicker 7 before 1st night on the 31st of Jan.

Date	Time	Venue	Tutor	Places
31st of January, 7th, 14th & 21st February	7pm—9.30pm	Mayo Education Centre	Joan Nugent	12

TEACHERS ATTENDING THE ICT COURSES MUST BRING THEIR OWN LAPTOP/TABLET

Booking Details - Online Bookings Only

To Book a place on any of the above courses, log onto Mayo Education Centre's website at www.MayoEducationCentre.ie

Courses are free and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that all courses must have a minimum number of 10 to proceed.

It is important that you contact us if you have any special requirements regarding mobility or special needs.