

FIS CULTURE - TRAINING PROGRAMME

WORKING WITH SCHOOLS AND THE CURRICULUM

(This event is provided in partnership with the Irish Cultural Centre in Hammersmith)

Working with schools is a very important part of every education and outreach project aimed at engaging young people. What could be better than a captured audience, ready to listen and absorb. Working in a school means you do not need to worry about a venue, you are supported by staff and often with a variety of other resources too.

Working in schools often provides further opportunities for you to work with them off site getting young people involved in other project activities, workshops, festivals, parades etc. It is a fantastic way to build relationships between kids of all ages, teachers and the broader community. This helps to promote an ethos of community understanding and cooperation from an early age.

So what is in it for schools and why would they be interested in working with you?

Schools and teachers have a very hard time trying to meet the requirements of a continuously changing curriculum, hit government targets and make learning fun and interesting for kids. They like you will normally be working with limited available resources. Therefore they generally appreciate any support that they get from external organisations who can help them to deliver the curriculum, particularly in creative and interesting ways. This provides a potential for a mutually beneficial relationship.

7th October 09 10.30am – 3.30pm

Hammersmith Irish Cultural Centre
Black's Rd, London, W6

Course content

- What sort of projects help teachers to meet the curriculum (case studies)
- Approaching a school for the first time
- Working with teachers and building trust
- Putting together a teachers pack
- Practical considerations (school culture, safeguarding, health and safety etc.)
- Keeping the partnership going
- Evaluating your work with the school

This course will be delivered through presentations by professional practitioners, a short video, discussion groups and information sharing. There will also be an opportunity for participating organisation to set up small exhibitions of their work with schools.

Please note: Due to limited availability you must book your place for these events in advance. Places will be limited to two people per organisation on most courses. To book a place on these events or if you require for further information please call Ged on 07726 700807 or email gkelly@irishsocieties.org

These events are free to FIS affiliates but you may be required to pay for or provide your own lunch. Tea & coffee will be provided free of charge.