

INTERACTING in Dublin 2012



INTERACTING in Dublin Play to Teach

Teaching and Learning Strategies using Games and Drama Activities

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About us

Interacting has been organizing tailor-made teacher training courses in the UK, Ireland, Spain and around the world for more than 15 years and has been a provider of courses on the Comenius, Life long Learning Programme for 9 years. Our belief and practical experience is that drama is the most effective, practical, and fun resource to stimulate learning in the classroom.

The collaborative training courses we offer respond to teachers' professional development needs in light of national curriculum priorities and highlight the relationship between performance and teaching skills.

Developed to overcome the way English, foreign languages and other subjects have traditionally been taught in the classroom, Interacting courses offer step-by-step solutions to applying drama and communication techniques to classroom management, while developing teachers' personal confidence in the process.

A strong group dynamic within a "safe" environment allows teachers to put themselves in the position of their students and try out new techniques. Result: a skills base that both enhances teaching delivery and motivates pupils.

Interacting courses cater for teachers of all levels and are delivered through a variety of plenary sessions, seminars and workshops that kick off with icebreakers and introductions, then on to group work, building confidence, improving communication skills, language theatre sports, and voice techniques.

Dates for 2012

Dates 2012	Course Title	Nº of Participants	Venue	Course Number
Sunday 8th July – Saturday 14th July	INTERACTING in Dublin Play to Learn – Levels 1,2,3	Maximum of 70 teachers	INTO, Dublin	No number. Provide course title and level and attach copy of this outline paper with your application form.
Sunday 5 th August – Saturday 11th August	Teaching and learning strategies using games and drama activities			
Sunday 22nd July – Saturday 28th July				

Please remember: the deadline for the July 2012 course is the 16th January 2012

UK and NI participants receive grant support through the British Council, the UK National Agency, for the Lifelong Learning Programme, Comenius Chapter.

To download the Comenius grant application forms and guidance, or contact your National Agency, please visit:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius-applications-forms-and-guidance.htm>

Venue

The training venue is in the heart of Dublin in at INTO Irish National Teachers Organisation. Accommodation is in individual rooms 10 minutes walk from the training venue.

Target Audience

Principals, teachers and teaching assistants in Special, Primary and Post Primary schools and colleges, Advisers, Inspectors and Teacher Trainers.

Objectives

At the end of the course participants will have extended their repertoire of teaching and learning strategies and will have a resource of games and drama activities which will contribute to the development of pupils thinking skills and personal capabilities and personal development in line with national strategies and curriculum.

Methodology

Within each course several options will be offered as listed under Areas Covered by the course. The training will be delivered through a variety of plenary sessions, seminars and workshops.

Icebreakers and introductions, group work, building confidence, improving communication skills, developing dialogues, scene building, characterization, storytelling, bringing literature alive, language theatre sports and working with your voice.

Follow-up

Teachers will receive a certificate at the end of the week course. Teachers will also have the opportunity to participate in a post immersion weekend course in Madrid and join our Europe/UK-wide network of all participants.

Course Fee

The total cost of the course is **1.350 Euros**, payable to INTERACTING S.L. **after receipt of the Comenius grant.**

The course fee covers...

- ✓ Course and tuition fees (**750 Euros**)
- ✓ Accommodation: Individual room
- ✓ Meals: Full Board
- ✓ Cultural excursions are not included

Please feel free to visit our website for further information (teachertraining.interacting.info), including what past participants have said about their time in Dublin with us!

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Application Support. →

NI and UK applicants should email **Ann McQuiston**, our local adviser, to confirm a place and for support with completing application forms, at: annmcquiston@interacting.info Applicants should also pre-register with the main office.

PROGRAMME OF THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES (DAY BY DAY)

- Apart from Day One, Training takes place from 9.30 to 5 each day with a one hour break for lunch.
- The Final hour of each day is devoted to evaluation, review and updating the MOODLE.
- The Day One, Reception, an evening event of orientation and welcome, modelling on MOODLE and introducing Crazy Talk software.
- Day Two, Icebreaking Activities and Warm Ups. Getting to know each other. The first days' activities focus on creating a safe environment.
- Day Three, From action to words and back. Exploring through games the variety and impact of the relationship between experience and its expression. Areas of work include non verbal communication
- Day Four, Building blocks for dialogues. Strategies to improve the speed and skills in listening and vocal production. Here we connect games which sharpen oral presentational skills with diverse areas of curriculum.
- Day Five, Scene Building. Working towards tentative structures to bring together skills sharpened in the previous days of training. Games that bring discipline and form to experience.
- Day Six, The stories we live by. Bringing techniques of storytelling to relevant subject matter. Working on how to apply creative solutions to diverse areas of curriculum
Evaluation and review.