

TRANSITION YEAR TEACHERS CONFERENCE

CONNECTING THE HEAD, HEART AND HANDS

– An integrated approach to global education

SATURDAY MARCH 3rd 2012, 09.30 – 15.30, ATHLONE SPRINGS HOTEL



Complimentary
**TEACHING
RESOURCES**

WORKSHOPS
– details inside

SPEAKERS | Dr Gerry Jeffers, NUIM | Michael O’Leary, PDST team

This event is organised by Amnesty International, Debt and Development Coalition Ireland (DDCI), Trócaire and Mayfield Arts in association with the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST).



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Many of the great educators and philosophers all argued for the equal importance of the head, heart, and hands in learning. Yet linking knowing and doing in education raises many questions: **What kind of action is appropriate and realistic within a school setting? How can teachers avoid ‘pre-packaged’ solutions and instead provide learners with the tools and skills that will enable them take informed decisions on alternative actions? Are different pedagogical approaches needed to engage more than the head? How can TY programmes provide a more integrated approach to learning?**

This conference will explore how environmental and economic justice, and human rights education can help integrate learning and action in a way that respects students’ autonomy and enables them to engage in meaningful action for change.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

REGISTRATION & RESOURCE DISPLAY	9.30am
KEY NOTE SPEAKERS	10.00am
REFRESHMENTS	11.15am
WORKSHOPS	11.40am
LUNCH	1.00pm
WORKSHOPS REPEATED	2.00pm
EVALUATION AND CLOSE	3.15pm

WORKSHOPS

CHANGING THE WORLD FROM THE CLASSROOM



WORKSHOP | 1 | _____

This workshop will explore global poverty as a human rights issue. From a human rights perspective, poverty is not just a lack of income; it is the denial of human rights that people need in order to live with dignity. The workshop will look at how interactive learning methods can support young people to develop knowledge, key skills, and values to form their own opinions on human rights issues and be inspired to take action.

SAVING THE PLANET WHOSE JOB IS IT?



WORKSHOP | 2 | _____

This skills based workshop will provide teachers with tools, knowledge and techniques to critically engage with concepts of Stewardship and Interdependence in their classroom, which form the basis of Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 7- Environmental Sustainability and MDG 8- Global Partnership. Teachers will have the opportunity to share ideas and examine teaching resources as well as looking at active methodologies, which can help to deepen students understanding of the environmental challenges facing us while at the same time ensuring an informed and reflective approach to action.

LINKING LEARNING AND ACTION IN A TIME OF ECONOMIC CRISIS



WORKSHOP | 3 |

At a time of local and global economic crisis, uncertainty, and protest, this workshop will examine the role of education in changing the world. The workshop will enquire: Is it the job of education to understand or to change our world? How can citizens influence change? How can teachers help students move beyond action for the sake of “doing something” to action that can effect real change? What are the constraints and benefits of linking learning and action within a school context? What is the pedagogical basis for doing so?

This workshop will build participants' confidence in taking a step into action and provide practical resources and tools for doing this around the theme of global financial justice.

USING THE ARTS TO LINK HEAD, HEART AND HANDS



WORKSHOP | 4 |

Based in Cork, Mayfield Arts Centre delivers creative Global Education programmes to a wide range of groups using different art forms and creative methodologies. This workshop will demonstrate how teachers can use the arts to link head, heart and hands. The workshop will explore how teachers can raise awareness and engage students in development issues with a focus on visual arts.

Cost of Conference – €10 (including refreshments, lunch and lots of complimentary teaching materials to take back to your classroom).

Places are limited so please register soon.

Email: campaign@debtireland.org

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