## Teachmeet Ireland



## **TEACHMEET IRELAND - 'Féilte Teachmeet 2015'**

The following is the list of speakers at the Teachmeet Ireland/Teaching Council FÉILTE on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at the RDS.

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Presenter	Presentation
Claire Egan marieclaireeganlsad	Sketch books in the primary classroom
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	Claire has been working as a primary school teacher since 2007. She is currently studying for an MA in Art and Design Education at the Limerick School of Art and Design. She also runs a blog, Claire's Primary School Art, set up last summer.
Niamh Dunphy	Running a teachers' blog in Ireland
irishprimaryteacher90 @gmail.com @irishteacher90	Running a blog to support teachers in Ireland. Setting up a blog and maintaining it.
	Niamh is the author of www.irishprimaryteacher.ie, a blog to support student teachers, NQTs and qualified teachers. She offers advice, tips and lessons as well as resources on her website.
Julia Sweeney	Edcite
julia@edcite.com @juliasween; @edciteteam	Edcite is an online platform for teachers to find, create, or customise digital practice for students (assessments, quizzes, homework, etc.). With Camara Ireland and many teachers, we've made progress on the Curriculum Mapping Project (aligning American content to the Irish Curriculum). We also now offer student pages as Gaeilge.
	Julia taught English and history in the United States, before moving to Dublin two years ago. She now works for a website called Edcite, supporting teachers in Ireland and advocating for product changes to best meet the needs of schools over here.

Claire Corroon	Bar Model Drawing in Maths
claire.primarycpd@gmail.com @PrimaryCPD	A brief introduction to Bar Model Drawing as a powerful tool for problem-solving in primary mathematics
	Claire is a primary teacher who also facilitates maths workshops and courses in schools and Education Centres. She is keenly interested in all innovations in educational methodologies, and in particular those relating to ICT and the teaching of maths.
Mary Jo Bell	Digital Portfolios and Evernote
mjbell@eircom.net	Digital Portfolios have become an important aspect of education. Last
@7MJB; @MrsBellsClass	year I used Evernote to create an ePortfolio for each student in my class and it was a great success. In my presentation, I will share ideas on how to set up and manage digital portfolios using Evernote.
	Mary Jo Bell teaches Senior Infants in St. Anne's School, Shankill. She is a tutor for PDST Technology in Education and has hosted workshops at the ICT in Education Conference, Thurles, at the CESI Conference and at the First Education Congress in Gdansk, Poland. Mary Jo believes that Digital Technology enhances the learning of all students and provides opportunities to showcase their work both in and beyond the classroom.
Paul Knox pknox.cetns@gmail.com	Using Playworks to organise Yard Time
@pauldechnoic	Playworks is a semi-structured approach to organising yard time, it's an inclusive, active and positive approach that has some interesting ways to help children get the most out of yard. Please note: Paul's presentation will involve some audience participation.
	Paul is a primary school teacher of 9 years (he thinks)! He is big on human rights, equality and fun in education. He is also a ChangeX mentor for Playworks. His philosophy is that good ideas should be spread for free.
Patrick Burke	Creating our own 'stáisiún teilifíse' using Green Screen
patrick.burke@live.ie @patjburke	Children are watching green screen technology in use all the time without knowing it. To help children understand more about it, and enliven the teaching of Irish, we set about creating our own stáisiún teilifíse in the classroom using iPads, Apple TV, a roll of green backing paper and a few thumbtacks.
	Patrick is a Third Class teacher and IT and Maths Coordinator in Scoil Chormaic CNS, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. He set up the school's first tech club, and is responsible for e-learning in the school. He graduated from Mary Immaculate College in 2012 with a B.Ed in Education and Psychology, and completed an M.Ed in literacy in Frostburg State University, Maryland, in 2013/2014.

Sharon Kearney	Teaching English in the 21st Century
kearnesh@tcd.ie @skearney109	This presentation will highlight research-based activities I've created, which utilise 21 <sup>C</sup> technologies, such as digital storytelling software and audio-recorders, and a particular 21C pedagogy, to engage secondary-school students in both learning traditional English literature and developing (new and conventional) literacy skills.
	An experienced education professional, Sharon is passionate about making the secondary school experience a positive one for all students. She has a background in English teaching and is currently pursuing a PhD, researching methodologies for creating engaging educational experiences which blend the teaching of new and conventional literacy skills with traditional humanities content.
Michelle Stowe	The Implementation of Restorative Practice (RP) in Schools
mstowestmarks@gmail.com @mstowerp	Restorative Practice is a collaborative and proactive way of being that aims to build community and manage conflict by modelling positive behaviour. This presentation will offer a very brief insight into RP using MOM framework (motivation/observation/mechanics).
	Michelle is a teacher who is passionate about promoting positive relationships, happiness and well-being in schools. Her action research involved helping teachers to implement RP in their classrooms. RP offers her the potential to be the change that she wants to see in the world. She believes RP has much to offer us all, and looks forward to sharing it with others.
Damien Quinn info@seomraranga.com	Signs of Autumn 2015 Twitter Project
@seomraranga.com	The purpose of the presentation is to make more teachers/schools aware of this yearly Twitter project which they can become involved in. It will outline how easy it is to participate in this project.
	Damien teaches in an ASD (Autism) Unit attached to a mainstream primary school in rural Co. Sligo where he team-teaches twelve pupils with a colleague. He also runs the Seomra Ranga website.
Maggie Green	LEGO Robotics
green.margaretmary @gmail.com @maggiemgreen	An introduction to EV3 and its application in primary and secondary education. It enables students to build, program and test their solutions based on real life robotics technology.
	Maggie is currently on a career break from primary education, and is a maths tutor for Hibernia College. She is also a research supervisor for Hibernia College and a PDST Technology Tutor. She is currently pursuing a MSc through LYIT and is on the New Frontiers Phase 2 programme for business development to develop The School Door.

Andy Homden	How to excel at school and then leave successfully
ahomden @consiliumeducation.com @homdens	Students frequently struggle during their first year in higher education. Andy advocates the adoption of an explicit study skills regime across the school curriculum to develop independent writing, widen vocabulary and build an accessible body of knowledge to bridge the gap.  Now based in Co. Donegal, Andy trained in the UK and Australia, and has worked in international education for most of his career. As a
	teacher and school leader he specialised in curriculum design and implementation. Pastorally, a key responsibility was placement of students in higher education. He is now CEO of Consilium Education, which publishes International Teacher Magazine (www.consiliumeducation.com/itm).
Maria O'Sullivan	1916 in images from our archive
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	Maria is a senior librarian with South Dublin Libraries, presently managing the Mobile and Schools Library Service. She has a particular interest in services to children and the way in which public libraries can support the education sector. Her favourite part of the job is the @summerbuzz twitter account; her least favourite is filling in forms. She is also a huge fan of the Dubs (but we won't hold that against her).
Maria O'Loughlin	Chatbudi
maria@chatbudi.com	Children's digital footprints are being created before they even learn to walk. As parents and teachers we have the responsibility to teach our children how best to protect themselves online. To truly master this we first must understand our children's behaviours and attitudes online. Technology advances so quickly that online safety trends are constantly changing.
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Mags Amond mags.amond@gmail.com	A whirlwind tour of Classtools.net
mags.amonu@gman.com	Classtools.net does exactly what it says on the tin - it is an invaluable

@magsamond	one-stop-shop, a collection of free simple interactive tools that can be used for assessment, storytelling, differentiation, sorting, literacy, group work, individual projects. A treasure trove for teachers and students.
	Mags is a Carlow woman, living and teaching in Cavan for the last 35 years. She volunteers on the National Executive of CESI, the Computers in Education Society of Ireland. While she's too modest to include it in her bio, she has been instrumental in making the Teachmeet movement so active in Ireland.
Cormac Cahill cormaccahill@me.com	Social stories for children with Autism
@cosmiccork	This presentation showcases a method of creating Social Stories for children on the Autistic Spectrum in a digital format on iPad. The social stories contain text, images, video and audio narration.
	Cormac is a primary school teacher in an autism unit at Carrigaline Educate Together National School. He is also an Apple Distinguished Educator and a Certified Apple Education Trainer.

Teachmeet Ireland is always looking for presenters to share ideas, resources and innovative projects at its next meeting! Are you interested?

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