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ESS, Geography, History and Music]
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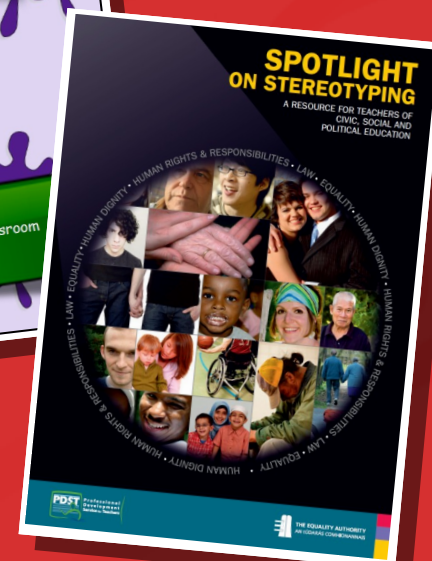
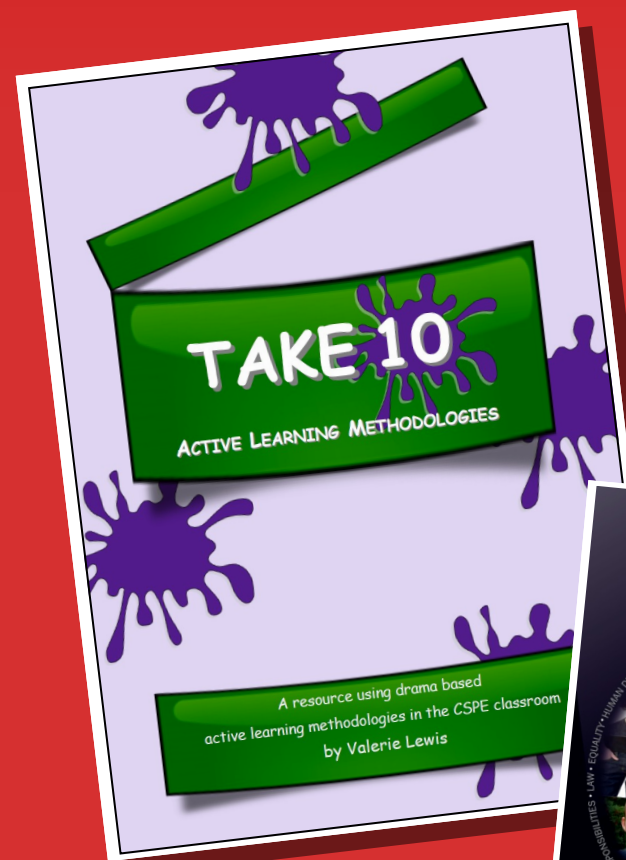


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CSPE

Civic, Social and Political Education Continuing Professional Development Opportunities, *Spring 2012*





What is the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST)?

The PDST is a support service established by the Department of Education and Skills to provide continuing advice and guidance to teachers in primary and post-primary schools. The PDST is committed to supporting the continuing professional development needs of teachers by providing a relevant and quality service which focuses on the teaching and learning experiences of teachers and students.

Effective CPD includes the following features:

- It enables the participants to develop skills, knowledge and understanding in curriculum or subject content; teaching and learning strategies and methodologies; and the use of information and communication technology.
- It takes account of the participants previous knowledge and experience.
- It is provided by facilitators with the necessary experience, expertise and skills.
- It is based on the best available evidence about teaching and learning.
- It is supported by coaching or mentoring from experienced colleagues, either from within the school or from outside.
- It models effective learning and teaching strategies, for example, active learning methodologies.
- It promotes continuous enquiry and problem-solving embedded in the daily life of schools.
- It encourages teacher participation and dialogue as part of the CPD process.

Pivotal to the PDST approach is the enabling dimension of the support provided, which aims to empower teachers and schools and to support on-going self-evaluation.

If you are interested in participating in any of these CSPE professional development opportunities please identify clearly the course (including the date and the venue) you wish to attend by completing and returning a copy of the **Booking Form** opposite to:

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The postal address is provided on the back cover.

NB Please Note:

Each teacher should complete a separate **Booking Form** for each course that s/he wishes to attend

**For information about Education/Teachers' Centres,
including telephone numbers, websites and
directions log onto and select your Region/Centre
www.ateci.ie/education-centres**

Cultural & Environmental Education - CSPE
Professional Development Service for Teachers

CPD Booking Form

PHOTOCOPY AS NECESSARY

One applicant per Booking Form

Please use block capitals and take extra care with E-mail addresses

Name:	
Mobile Number:	
E-mail Address:	
School:	
School Address:	
School Phone:	Fax:
School Email:	School Roll No:
Title of Course:	
Venue:	
Date of Course:	
Applicant's Signature:	
Principal's Signature (if course is during the school day):	
Date of Booking:	

February 2012

Dear CSPE Co-ordinator/CSPE Teachers,

This short booklet provides information about the various continuing professional development opportunities being provided by the PDST for post-primary CSPE teachers for the Spring Term..

Information about these courses in terms of content, approaches, dates and venues are provided on the following pages. **Literacy & Numeracy** are national priorities and are embedded in each of our courses. If you have any queries relating to any of these courses or aspects of the CSPE curriculum please do get in touch. All contact details for myself and for the Cultural and Environmental Education Administrator, Ms. Catherine Belgey, can be found on the back cover.

A **Booking Form** (which can be found inside the back cover) should be copied and completed by each CSPE teacher wishing to attend a course. Please remember to state clearly the name of the course, the date and the venue on the Booking Form.

Please Note: Places on courses are allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis. You will be notified by e-mail only if you have a place on a course. Please do not come along to a course unless you have a confirmation of a place by e-mail.

Yours sincerely,



Conor Harrison,
National Co-ordinator - Cultural and Environmental Education
(Ancient Greek, Art, CSPE, Classical Studies, ESS, Geography, History, Latin & Music)

CSPE 11-03: Active Learning Methods & Resources

A series of Evening Workshops has been organised for all teachers of Civic, Social and Political Education who are interested in finding out about and experiencing active learning methodologies and in seeing a number of really useful CSPE resource packs: *Don't Close Your Eyes to Slavery*, *Take 10* and *Spotlight on Stereotyping*.

This course provides teachers hands-on opportunities to experience a variety of active learning methods for use in the CSPE classroom and beyond. Perhaps you have some methods that you'd like to share with your CSPE colleagues too? Participants will receive a copy of a number of resource packs to bring back to their classrooms.

Date	Time	Venue
Tues, 28th February	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Cork Education Support Centre
Wed, 29th February	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Drumcondra Education Centre
Thurs, 1st March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Blackrock Education Centre
Tues, 6th March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Dublin West Education Centre
Tues, 6th March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Laois Education Centre
Wed, 7th March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Co Wexford Education Centre
Tues, 13th March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Monaghan Education Centre
Tues, 13th March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Waterford Teachers' Centre
Wed, 14th March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Sligo Education Centre
Wed, 14th March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Tralee Education Centre
Wed, 21st March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Clare Education Centre
Thurs, 22nd March	7:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Mayo Education Centre

To book a place on one of these courses download a Booking Form from www.pdst.ie, click on PP Cultural and Environmental and scroll to the bottom of the page for Booking Forms.

The Latest CSPE Teaching & Learning Resources

