

Workshop Information for SATEAL Conference 2010

There will be a choice of workshops from 1.45 - 2.45 and you will sign up for your choice of workshop at Registration on the day of the conference (Saturday 20th March 2010)

1) Luan Porter EAL Profile of competence

Since the introduction of the Stages of English (1-5) in 2005 EAL and school staff have endeavoured to use them to assess and monitor the progress of their bilingual learners. ASL legislation has also required that practitioners undertake an appropriate level of planning to meet the needs of learners who require additional support. CEC EAL Service has created EAL Profiles of Competence to assist with both the assessment and monitoring of individual learners, as well as the selection of appropriate teaching strategies to support language acquisition across the curriculum. They offer a more detailed and consistent approach to this aspect of EAL support. They are complemented by collaborative planning processes at class and whole school level which collectively help to enhance the capacity of school staff to meet the needs of their bilingual learners. This workshop focuses on the Profiles and offers suggestions for other collaborative planning processes.

2) Jo Higgins-Cezza Strategies for supporting advanced learners

Many students enter school with little or no knowledge of English, and it is therefore relatively straightforward to set targets which will help students access the curriculum and increase their level of English. What, however, can we put in place to support those students who either enter school with a higher level of English or subsequently become very competent in English? What do practitioners need to know about cognitive academic language proficiency in order to ensure that their students can achieve their full potential in the state exam system? This workshop focuses on supporting the needs of advanced EAL learners and identifying the barriers to their success.

3) Angela Rendall Inclusive Story telling

Stories are woven into the fabric of our lives and storytelling has always and forever been a rich part of every culture. In this workshop discover how storytelling is an ideal means for supporting and developing the capacities of C4 E and L2 acquisition. Activities are: hear stories, develop your storytelling skills, discuss a range of practical ideas for language and content development, get sources for stories and resources and let's see.....