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# FAO BIOLOGY TEACHERS

## MEETINGS September - December 2011

SEPTEMBER 2011

Keeping in Touch with Biology Teachers

### 1. New Biology Resource DVD distributed (only) through ROAD SHOWS. See below for the date in your local Education Centre in **NOVEMBER 2011**

**Athlone: Tuesday 29th**  
**Blackrock, Dublin: Thursday 10th**  
**Carrick on Shannon: Wed 23rd**  
**Castlebar: Wednesday 9th**  
**Cork: Tuesday 8th**  
**Donegal: Wednesday 30th**  
**Drumcondra: Thursday 10th**  
**Dunmanway: Wednesday 9th**  
**Ennis: Wednesday 23rd**  
**Enniscorthy: Wednesday 9th**

**Galway: Wednesday 30th**  
**Kildare Tuesday 22nd**  
**Kilkenny: Monday 21st**  
**Limerick: Thursday 10th**  
**Monaghan: Wednesday 23rd**  
**Navan: Wednesday 23rd**  
**Portlaoise: Wednesday 9th**  
**Sligo: Monday 7th**  
**Tallaght: Wednesday 23rd**  
**Tralee: Monday 21st**  
**Waterford: Monday 7th**

Book Early - as places will be limited

Please pass this information to any Inductee Biology teacher in your school.

### 2. INDUCTEE Courses

Full day course to help provide our teachers new to teaching Biology (or returned after an long absence) with some 'tools of the trade'. This course will focus on useful Teaching and Learning strategies and on effective use of available resources.

**Venues:** **Dublin West Ed. Centre:** Saturday **November 5th** 2011 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Galway Ed Centre:** Saturday **November 12th** 2011 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Cork Ed. Support Centre:** Saturday **November 26th** 2011 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### 3. Strategies for the Science Classroom

A **3-night** course open to all Science teachers - so please inform your colleagues. Learn about some effective strategies for use in your classes. Produce relevant resources for your Junior Science classes, meet your colleagues and share experiences, advice and resources.

**Venue: Navan Education Centre**

First night date: **Wednesday 21st September** (following 2 nights to be arranged with the participants)

*To apply for a place please fax completed application form to 061 585065 or email your name, mobile number and school details to Bríd Finn at sciences@pdst.ie stating course title, date and venue.*

- \* PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR NEWS OF NEW COURSES AND/OR RESOURCES.
- \* ANY CHANGES IN ADVERTISED COURSES WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE TO AVOID ANY INCONVENIENCE.

www.pdst.ie (and navigate to your familiar BIOLOGY pages)

Looking Ahead ... Full details of all new courses will be posted on our website (www.pdst.ie)

**Our Local Facilitators are working on the design and implementation of further courses for you later in the school year, to cater for the proposed new syllabus**

e.g.

- ⇒ Using electrophoresis to produce a DNA profile and
- ⇒ Use of data-logging in Biology Laboratory