

Spring Network Meetings 2013

From March 1st, evening meetings will take place in every Education Centre in the country. Each of these meetings will consist of a workshop on **Schoology** a student management system available free of charge. The courses are given by experienced Chemistry teachers and we hope that this resource and our annual DVD of chemistry resources will make life a little easier for us all.

Schoology.com is a social networking service and virtual learning environment for school and higher education institutions that allows users to create, manage, and share academic content. Also known as a learning management system (LMS) or course management system (CMS), the cloud-based platform provides tools needed to manage an online classroom.

Visually and functionally similar to Facebook, the service includes attendance records, online gradebook, tests and quizzes, and homework dropboxes. The social media features facilitate collaboration among a class, a group, or a school. **Schoology** can be integrated with existing school reporting and information systems and also provides the added security, filters and support that schools require.

Schoology is offered to individual teachers and schools free of charge. When you have completed a topic you can make all your resources available to your students online for revision and it would also benefit absent students. Your resources can be uploaded to the cloud and distributed to individual classes as required. PowerPoints, animations, flashcards and Youtube videos can be made available for students to view online or download.

This two hour workshop will allow you a hands-on opportunity to create your own courses for your students so that when you return to

school you are ready to begin enrolment. Don't miss this golden opportunity, sign up for a course by completing the application form available on the PDST website under Sciences and Applied Maths or **contact Ms. Brid Finn in Limerick Education Centre at 061 585064 or fax enquiries to 061 585065**. Please book in plenty of time before the course begins as places are limited and you will avoid disappointment.

Education Centre	Date	Time
Athlone Education Centre	Tues 19 th March	7-9
Blackrock Education Centre	Wed 10 th April	7-9
Cork Education Support Centre	Wed 13 th March	7-9
Clare Education Centre	Wed 10 th April	7-9
Carrick on Shannon Education Centre	Tues 5 th March	7-9
Donegal Education Centre	Wed 6 th March	7-9
Drumcondra Education Centre	Thurs 7 th March	7-9
Dublin West Education Centre	Tue 5 th March	7-9
Galway Education Centre	Thurs 14 th March	7-9
Kilkenny Education Centre	Tues 9 th April	7-9
Kildare Education Centre	Tues 12 th March	7-9
Laois Education Centre	Mon 4 th March	7-9
Limerick Education Centre	Tues 9 th April	7-9
Mayo Education Centre	Thurs 7 th March	7-9
Monaghan Education Centre	Tues 16 th April	7-9
Navan Education Centre	Mon 11 th March	7-9
Sligo Education Centre	Wed 13 th March	7-9
The Education Centre, Tralee	Mon 22 nd April	7-9
Waterford Teacher's Centre	Wed 20 th March	7-9
West Cork Education Centre	Wed 20 th March	7-9
Co Wexford Education Centre	Wed 17 th April	7-9