



Announcing two “Chemistry for Non-specialists” professional development courses running in Dublin and Limerick in June 2013

Who are they for?

If you are currently teaching chemistry for Junior Certificate Science but hold a specialism in a different subject, then the Chemistry for Non-specialists course is for you!

➤ What is Chemistry for Non-specialists?

This is a high quality training programme designed by the Royal Society of Chemistry and adapted for the Irish curriculum. The aim is to provide teachers with confidence, flair and enthusiasm for teaching chemistry and there is an emphasis on gaining hands-on experience with the use of relevant and interesting experiments and demonstrations to illustrate key ideas and phenomena. The course also identifies the topics that challenge students' conceptual understanding of chemistry and provides you with strategies to tackle them. Participants will receive resources to assist them with their chemistry teaching including a course book that provides guidelines on over 80 experiments. For further information see; <http://www.rsc.org/Education/Teachers/CPD/ChemNonSpec/index.asp>

➤ When and where?

The two day workshop will take place;
 on **June 19th and 20th in Blackrock College, Co. Dublin**
 and on **June 25th and 26th in Ard Scoil Rís, Limerick**
 A follow on 2 hour evening meeting will be scheduled in early 2014.

➤ What does it cost?

The costs of running the course are being met by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) Education Division and the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) so there is no course fee. Travel and subsistence (but **not accommodation**) expenses for attendees will be covered, at the usual PDST rates.

➤ How do I register?

Places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis so you will need to register your interest **as soon as possible**. To do so, please send an e-mail to one of the addresses shown below and provide;

1. Your Name,
2. Your School,
3. Your E-mail Address,
4. Your Mobile Number,
5. The Final Level of Chemistry Studies You Completed.

Dublin course, E-mail: chemistryfornonspecialists@gmail.com

Limerick course, E-mail: mariasheehan400@gmail.com

- We will be contacting those who applied last year but did not get a place on the course to let them know that if they apply to attend this year at either venue they will be given priority.
- Please note that due to limited resources we cannot offer this course to those who have studied chemistry to degree level.