Summer Courses for Teachers 2014: Summer Course Timetable

**Title of Summer Course**: The Living Classroom – Learning through Gardening **Course Category Code: SESES\_\_\_\_\_**

**Dates of Course(s): 1st - 5th July and 18th – 22nd August 2014**

**Starting time: 9.30 Finishing time: 14.30 Break Times: 9.30-9.45 and 12.15-13.00**

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|  | **Time** | **Venue** | **Specific objective(s) of session**  **Reference to Assessment Approaches must be made for all curriculum based courses** | **Format**  **(lecture/workshop/field**  **trip/ICT/video clips etc.)** | **Qualifications of facilitators**  **(level on NQAI\* framework)** |
| **Day 1** | **9.30 – 9.45**  **9.45 – 12.15**  **12.15 - 13.00**  **13.00 - 14.15**  **14.15 - 14.30** | Gortbrack Organic Farm | **Objective: Introduction**  Registration  Introduction to the course – what is an organic school garden?  Tour of the farm – understanding habitats and biodiversity  Lunch  Practical gardening skills e.g. Planting a native hedgerow  Evaluation and garden diary | **Lecture**  **Fieldtrip**  **Practical** | **Ian McGrigor** (30 years organic grower, FETAC Train the Trainer Level 6, KES Tutor and Environmental Educator; Level 6) |
| **Day 2** | **9.30 – 9.45**  **9.45 – 12.15**  **12.15 - 13.00**  **13.00 - 14.15**  **14.15 - 14.30** | Gortbrack Organic Farm  Local schools | **Objective: Audit and Planning**  Tea, welcome, feedback and outline of day  Site assessment and audit of school grounds  Visit to variety of local school gardens  Lunch  Practical gardening skills e.g. Making a raised bed  Evaluation and garden diary | **Lecture**  **Fieldtrip**  **Practical** | **Ian McGrigor** (30 years organic grower, FETAC Train the Trainer Level 6, KES Tutor and Environmental Educator; Level 6) |
| **Day 3** | **9.30 – 9.45**  **9.45 – 12.15**  **12.15 - 13.00**  **13.00 - 14.15**  **14.15 - 14.30** | Gortbrack Organic Farm | **Objective: Using the School Garden, Numeracy and Literacy**  Tea, welcome, feedback and outline of day  Introduction to DPSM  Numeracy and literacy in the garden workshop  Lunch  Practical gardening skills e.g. Seed saving  Evaluation and garden diary | **Lecture**  **Workshop**  **Practical** | **Cathy Eastman** (BSc Zoology, MSc Ecological Assessment, Environmental Educator; Level 9) |
| **Day 4** | **9.30 – 9.45**  **9.45 – 12.15**  **12.15 - 13.00**  **13.00 - 14.15**  **14.15 - 14.30** | Gortbrack Organic Farm | **Objective: Designing the School Grounds**  Tea, welcome, feedback and outline of day  Creating individual school plans  Health and safety, outdoor class management and tool use and care  Lunch  Practical gardening skills e.g. Growing vegetables from seed  Evaluation and garden diary | **Lecture**  **Workshop**  **Practical** | **Ian McGrigor** (30 years organic grower, FETAC Train the Trainer Level 6, KES Tutor and Environmental Educator; Level 6) |
| **Day 5** | **9.30 – 9.45**  **9.45 – 12.15**  **12.15 - 13.00**  **13.00 - 14.15**  **14.15 - 14.30** | Gortbrack Organic Farm | **Objective: Growing the Curriculum**  Tea, welcome, feedback and outline of day  Cross curricula links  Class by class plans  Practical ideas – science in the garden  Lunch  Practical skills e.g. propagation and cuttings  Evaluation and garden diary | **Lecture**  **Workshop**  **Practical** | **Cathy Eastman** (BSc Zoology, MSc Ecological Assessment, Environmental Educator; Level 9) |

**Signature of applicant (course provider/director):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\* NQAI = National Qualifications Authority of Ireland ([***www.nqai.ie***](http://www.google.com/search?gs_sm=e&amp;gs_upl=11224l14669l0l15963l7l7l0l0l0l0l249l1138l2.2.3l7l0&amp;hl=en&amp;q=www.nqai.ie&amp;spell=1&amp;sa=X))