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**RegistrationIntroduction to the course – what is an organic school garden?Tour of the farm – understanding habitats and biodiversityLunchPractical gardening skills e.g. Planting a native hedgerowEvaluation 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 FarmLocal schools | **Objective: Audit and Planning**Tea, welcome, feedback and outline of daySite assessment and audit of school groundsVisit to variety of local school gardensLunchPractical gardening skills e.g. Making a raised bedEvaluation 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 dayIntroduction to DPSMNumeracy and literacy in the garden workshopLunchPractical gardening skills e.g. Seed savingEvaluation 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 dayCreating individual school plansHealth and safety, outdoor class management and tool use and careLunchPractical gardening skills e.g. Growing vegetables from seedEvaluation 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 dayCross curricula linksClass by class plansPractical ideas – science in the gardenLunchPractical skills e.g. propagation and cuttingsEvaluation 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))