

Play and Learning

A Residential Summer School

With Marc Armitage and Steve Goode at the

University of Limerick 23rd – 27th July 2012

A Challenging Continuing Professional Development event aimed at

workers, managers, teachers, development officers and advisors in **Childcare, Schools, Playwork, After-Schools, Youthwork** and **others** who work with **children**

The **FIRST EVER** Residential Summer School on the subject of **PLAY** in Ireland!



A residential week packed full of new ideas, reflection, discussion, challenges, new research, world-wide examples, films, photos

.... and a **BBQ**

Places Strictly Limited

Marc Armitage and Steve Goode are skilled play consultants, researchers and trainers with many years experience behind them of working in Ireland and around the world with childcare services, schools, youth and play services – both regularly deliver university level programs

A Playworking Approach

The opportunity to play is crucial in children's lives. It is through play that children learn social interactions, become healthy, develop skills and have fun.

Children can and do play without encouragement or help but adults in all sorts of sectors can significantly enhance a child's opportunity to play by creating a physical environment that allows a child to learn and develop ... but that is only half the story.

Playworking is a style of working which is more play-led than child-led. The difference can be subtle but the effect it can have on the way that we work with children and young people can be profound. It aims to develop the second half of the story ... our knowledge and attitude to play and the way it is provided for.

The Summer School 2012

This is the first summer school on Play and the Playworking Approach that has been held in Ireland.

It is a challenging mainly theoretical, advanced course aimed at Level VI and above. It will run from 4.00 pm on Monday 23rd July until midday on Friday 27th.

It will be based at the University of Limerick *Ollscoil Luimnigh* (see www.ul.ie)

How much does it cost?

The cost for the whole summer school is **€450**. Accommodation is available at the University of Limerick at a special rate of **€200** for the week bed & breakfast or **€240** B&B with evening meal.

Summer School Content

Content for this unique event includes:

- What is Play – the latest thinking
- Where is Play in Síolta and Aistear
- A History of Play and Playing
- The Development of Play Theories
- How do children really play
- Risk, Benefit, Health, Safety and The Law
- Emotional Intelligence and the Playing Child
- Are free-play and learning-through-play compatible
- Numeracy, Literacy and Play
- Children's Voices – involving Children in making Decisions
- Play and the Physical Environment
- The Theory of Loose-Parts
- The Role of the Adult in children's play

Plus a number of structured DEBATES on a current CHALLENGING topic, social events and networking opportunities



What NEXT?

If you would like more information or would like to book one of the STRICTLY LIMITED PLACES on this summer school (closing date 9th July 2012)

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