

## The Burrenbeo Trust – Teacher Summer Courses

Due to popular demand based on our own models, we have develop the following courses...

Want to build up your skills on getting children to interact with their heritage in a fun way. If so why not join us, Ireland's leading place-based learning charity, the Burrenbeo Trust, on either of our Department of Education-approved teacher summer courses titled *Áitbheo – using your local place as a teaching resource?* Dates are 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July or 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August 2015. These courses are open to teachers and non-teachers, and are designed to be **fun, interactive and in out in the field learning about our amazing natural, built and cultural heritage, and how to pick up tools on teaching these to children.**

With classroom sessions based in Kinvara , various field trips across the Burren, local experts and excellent take-home resources, this course will provide educator with some simple tools through which they can effectively integrate their local environment into the school curriculum. This course is based on ten years of 'place based education' experience in the Burren through which scores of teachers and over 1,000 local schoolchildren have connected with their own special place as part of the highly interactive and experiential heritage programme we run in schools called *Ecobeo*.

This teacher training course will cover strands of history, geography and science subjects. Specific themes which will be covered include landscape, built heritage, cultural heritage, biodiversity and conservation. On completion of this course, participants will have the skills and resources which will allow them to deliver an effective place based educational programme to their students. And most importantly we will have fun while doing it!

The course aims to:

- Show how your local place can be used to enhance observation, questioning, prediction, investigation, design, problem-solving and communication skills.
- Improve understanding of how such a course can be fully integrated with the school curriculum and enhance literacy, numeracy and ICT skills.
- Help connect teachers and their students with the magic of outdoor learning in a fun and interactive way.
- Equip educators with the skills and resources needed to deliver a place-based educational programme to their students.
- Provide access to resources such as podcasts, workbooks and other resources that will enable delivery of such a programme.

The course will be structured to allow ample time in the field with local experts (50%), structured classroom sessions (30%) and interactive 'reflection' sessions (20%).

Cost: €70 per individual. This does not include any food or transport.

Course will run 9.30am-11.30am & 12.15pm-2.15pm over the five days.

Maximum amount of participants will be 25 individuals.

**Please can you make sure that this email is circulated to all your fellow educators.**

To book or for more information contact [trust@burrenbeo.com](mailto:trust@burrenbeo.com) / 091 638096 with a €30 deposit or go to <http://www.burrenbeo.com/learning-landscape/summer-training-courses> to download the booking form