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Course Title: Blog Your Way through Religious Education!

Descriptor: The focus of these modular workshops is to introduce teachers of JC / LC Religious Education to the benefits of using ICT in the classroom through the medium of blogs. Teachers attending the workshop will learn about the benefits of using blogs within the classroom as an interactive teaching tool, facilitating interactive online communication between the teacher and students in a safe, online context.

They will learn practical skills about how to create and monitor their own blog and encourage interaction from students in their classrooms. The educational content of the blog will focus on promoting reflective skills in RE, an important feature of the Religious Education Syllabus and a useful tool in writing up the journal booklet at Junior Certificate.

The workshops aims to provide practical guidelines on how to use a blog to promote reflective thinking in the Junior Certificate RE with a particular focus on the Journal Booklet, using examples from different sections of the RE syllabus. Improving students' literacy skills by using the blog will also be addressed in this course.

This pilot project is resourced by the PDST Religious Education Support team and certificates of participation will be available for those participating in this project.

Structure: This is a modular course where we invite teachers to attend a two hour workshop of initial professional development in using a blog in Religious Education. We invite these teachers to return for evening 2 of this modular course to show-case the skills and approaches utilized in the RE classroom situation, share good practice & ideas and any resources they may have created. Teachers will be encouraged to share their experiences of implementing one or more of the ideas outlined in evening 1, and share any materials they designed or insights they gained in the process.

Target Audience: This course will suit the needs of JC / LC RE teachers who have an interest in making use of blogs in RE to help engage students and develop more dynamic learning experiences. Course content will be introduced at beginner's & improver's level and participants will be encouraged to network with at least one other course participant in implementing one or more ideas from the workshop.

Booking: Download the Registration Form for R.E. Courses from the 'Latest Notices' section of the homepage of our website: www.ress.ie or photocopy and use the course registration form available in this booklet. Completed registration forms should be sent by post or fax to Angela Thompson, R.E. Administrator, at least one week in advance of the workshop. Early booking is advisable.

Date Workshop 1	Time	Date Workshop 2	Venue
8 th November 2011	6pm to 8pm	7 th February 2012	Dublin West Education Centre
22 nd November 2011	6pm – 8pm	9 th February 2012	Blackrock Education Centre