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## Course Title: Religious Education & ICT for Beginners to Improvers

**Descriptor:** This is an exciting opportunity for teachers of Junior and / or Leaving Certificate Religious Education who are wishing to improve their Information & Communications Technology (ICT) skills in the Religious Education classroom or those wanting to start incorporating ICT skills in the RE classroom.

The aim of the workshops is to develop ICT skills that teachers will be able to utilise and integrate in teaching JC / LC Religious Education. 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 variety of ICT skills as integrated 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. Participants' materials and ideas will be shared among those participating in this modular course, thereby sharing good practice and disseminating original ideas and support.

The RE & ICT modular course will encompass an introduction to the following:

- Basic PowerPoint (ppt) – ideas for using PowerPoint in the RE Classroom
- Designing RE worksheets/word-searches – building literacy skills using ICT
- Animoto – using digital photographs in RE
- Photostory – using digital photographs in RE
- Movie maker – Engage your students by making short RE videos – particularly useful for Journal Work
- Downloading from YouTube – sourcing and using short appropriate RE videos from YouTube
- Downloading and making use of appropriate music, poetry, etc in the RE Classroom.

**Target Audience:** This course will suit the needs of JC / LC RE teachers who have an interest in making use of internet and ICT software 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](http://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.

<b>Date</b> <b>Workshop 1</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b> <b>Workshop 2</b>	<b>Venue</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	7pm – 9pm	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	Galway Education Centre
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	7pm-9pm	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Athlone Education Centre
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	7pm – 9pm	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Mayo Education Centre