

## Course Title: Teaching Religious Education in a Mixed Ability Context

**Descriptor:** This course explores useful approaches to teaching JC / LC Religious Education in a mixed ability classroom.

- Active learning methodologies,
- experiential learning,
- Assessment for Learning,
- engaging students' learning styles,
- Co-operative Learning and
- Differentiation

are all introduced here as examples of ways in which teachers can strengthen their engagement with students of varying learning styles and academic abilities.

Creative ideas for integrating Literacy strategies will be included in the context of the differentiated classroom.

Examples from the JC syllabus will be used to explore a variety of suitable differentiated teaching and learning methods. A range of creative support materials will be made available to course participants and certificates of participation will be available to teachers.

**Target Audience:** This course targets the needs of teachers of Junior Certificate Religious Education (or Leaving Certificate Religious Education) – particularly those who may be teaching JCRE / LCRE for the first time or who are keen to develop ideas for engaging their students in a more dynamic learning experience in Religious Education.

**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.

Date	Time	Venue
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	5 – 7pm	Blackrock Education Centre
5 <sup>th</sup> October	5 – 7pm	Dublin West Education Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> October	6 – 8pm	Mayo Education Centre

6 <sup>th</sup> October*	6 – 8pm	Limerick Education Centre* 2 Part modular course: date of 2 <sup>nd</sup> workshop TBC (spring 2012)
11 <sup>th</sup> October	5 – 7pm	Drumcondra Education Centre
11 <sup>th</sup> October	7 – 9pm	Galway Education Centre
12 <sup>th</sup> October	6 – 8pm	Cork Education Centre
18 <sup>th</sup> October	6 – 8pm	Athlone Education Centre
18 <sup>th</sup> October	6 – 8pm	Kildare Education Centre

\* The workshop offered in Limerick EC will be part 1 of a two part modular course. Participants will be invited to return on an agreed date (TBC) in spring 2012, having implemented one or more of the suggested approaches or methodologies outlined in part 1 of this course. Participants will be invited to share their reflections, practice, recommendation and resource materials designed in part 2 of this course to other course participants.