

## Let's Play

Teaching young children through play is often so daunting teachers just don't go there. This course on Play in the Infant Classroom will take teachers step by step through establishing play as a discrete learning approach in their classrooms. It will explore how and what children learn through play, how to introduce structured play and build upon this approach to maximise children's learning. The course commences on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November** from **4.15 – 6.15pm** in the **INTO Learning Centre**, 38 Parnell Square and runs for 5 weeks. The course costs €80 and includes a dvd of the approach in action.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November

- **Introduction to Play** including:
  - What is play?
  - How does play fit into the primary school curriculum?
  - Experiences of Play
  - Exploration of Aistear – the NCCA Framework for Early Learning

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

- **Play as a Pedagogy** including
  - The rationale for play as a pedagogy
  - A structure for play
  - Sustained shared thinking and play
- **Creating a Space for Play** including
  - Conducting an environmental audit
  - Deciding on equipment – what's best?

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

- **Teacher Role** including:
  - Guiding play
  - Questioning skills
- **Establishing a Rota for Play**

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November

- **Planning for Play**
- **Developing a Reflective Practice**
- **The 10 Minute Contract**

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

- **Moving from Rota to Free Choice**
- **Social Skills Development**
- **Assessment**