Activities & professional learning

SSERC professional learning courses

We offer professional learning (PL) courses and events for teachers in both primary and secondary settings, school technicians, and other educators. Many of our PL offers are financially supported via ENTHUSE funding from STEM Learning or from the Scottish Government. Such funding for our courses helps towards covering course costs and allows us to provide delegates with resources to support learning and teaching back in their centres.

Courses available for online booking include:

| COURSE NAME | RESIDENTIAL? | DATES | CLOSING DATE | SECTOR |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Technology Probationers Residential | Face-to-face | 10-11 November 22 | 14 October 2022 | Secondary Technology |
| Working with Radioactive Sources | Face-to-face | 16 November 2022 | 21 October 2022 | Secondary Physics |
| *Hot & Cold Metal Forming | Face-to-face | 17-18 November 22 | 21 October 2022 | Secondary Technology |
| Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery | Face-to-face | 23-24 November 22 | 21 October 2022 | Secondary Technicians |
| *Laboratory Science Nat 5 | Face-to-face | 23-25 November 22 | 21 October 2022 | Secondary Science |
| Science Probationers Residential | Face-to-face | 2-3 December 2022 | 21 October 2022 | Secondary Science |
| Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery (Refresher) | Face-to-face | 7 December 2022 | 4 November 2022 | Secondary Technicians |
| Science Probationers Residential | Face-to-face | 13-14 December 22 | 11 November 2022 | Secondary Science |
| Biology SSERC Meet | Online | 15 December 2022 | 9 December 2022 | Secondary Biology |
| Science Probationers Residential | Face-to-face | 11-12 January 2023 | 11 November 2022 | Secondary Science |
| *BGE Biology for Non-Specialists | Face-to-face | 17-18 January 2023 | 1 December 2022 | Secondary Biology |
| Science Probationers Residential | Face-to-face | 25-26 January 2023 | 1 December 2022 | Secondary Science |
| Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery | Face-to-face | 26-27 January 2023 | 9 December 2022 | Secondary Technicians |
| *BGE Physics for Non-Specialists | Face-to-face | 1-2 February 2023 | 9 December 2022 | Secondary Physics |
| Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery (Refresher) | Face-to-face | 2 February 2023 | 9 December 2022 | Secondary Technicians |
| *Chemistry for Ad Higher | Face-to-face | 22-23 February 2023 | 6 January 2023 | Secondary Chemistry |
| *Wood Turning | Face-to-face | 23-24 February 2023 | 6 January 2023 | Secondary Technology |
| *Techniques for Senior Phase Biology | Face-to-face | 1-2 March 2023 | 13 January 2023 | Secondary Biology |
| Radiation Protection Refresher | Online | 1 & 8 March 2023 | 27 January 2023 | Secondary H&S |
| Chemical Handling | Face-to-face | 7-8 March 2023 | 3 February 2023 | Secondary Technicians |
| Electrical Safety and PAT | Face-to-face | 9-10 March 2023 | 3 February 2023 | Secondary Technicians |
| *BGE Chemistry for Non-Specialists | Face-to-face | 14-15 March 2023 | 3 February 2023 | Secondary Chemistry |

*This course attracts ENTHUSE funding which offsets the course fee.

Please check our website pages at https://www.sserc.org.uk/professional-learning/calendar/ for the most up-to-date details on our professional learning calendar.

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New professional learning offers for 2022/2023

Biology SSERC Meets

This new online offer celebrates the wealth of teacher expertise across Scotland. Each of the five SSERC Meets will follow a theme with supported content from invited guests in their subject area.

BGE Biology for non-specialists

This two-day course focuses on practical activities to support BGE Biology experiences and outcomes outlined by Education Scotland. This course has been developed to support Science teachers who have not specialised in Biology.

BGE Chemistry for non-specialists

This two-day course has been developed to support Science teachers who have no specialist Chemistry background. We will explore a range of practical activities and techniques to support the delivery of BGE Chemistry so you can deliver this part of the curriculum confidently and safely.

BGE Physics for non-specialists

This two-day course is ideal for those teaching aspects of physics at BGE who are not specialist physics teachers.Topics covered will include: Van de Graff generator, multimeters, electrical circuits, electrical equipment, forces, magnets and energy to name a few.

Science Probationers Residential

A two-day residential course to support NQTs in the delivery of safe, high quality, hands-on practical STEM learning in the classroom. Delegates will have the opportunity to develop their skills in and out of their subject specialism. The residential aspect of the course offers a great networking and peer engagement aspect for delegates, creating opportunities to build new working relationships with other probationer teachers.

Technology Probationers Residential

A two-day residential course to support NQTs in the delivery of safe, high quality, hands-on practical learning in the technology workshops. The residential aspect of the course offers a great networking and peer engagement aspect for delegates, creating opportunities to build new working relationships with other probationer teachers.

Techniques for Senior Phase Biology

A two-day course exploring innovative practical techniques that support the delivery of senior phase Biology courses from National 5 to Advanced Higher Biology.

Up-coming professional learning to look out for in Spring/Summer 2023

- Microscale Mondays
- Using R in the STEM Classroom

