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Reminder of EGM

The Association will hold an EGM to adopt an updated Constitution on Mon June 11th at 3.30 pm in the Blackrock Education Centre. This meeting will also review the CSPE exam paper that students are sitting earlier that afternoon.

CSPE Exam

The CSPE Exam will take place on Mon 11th June at 1.30 pm.

Fiscal Treaty Referendum

For any brave souls taking on the Fiscal Compact Referendum due on 31 May check out www.refcom.ie which has plenty of background information on referenda. For this particular Referendum there is a special website: www.referendum2012.ie.

The videos page of our own website site features short explanatory videos for the referendum – www.cspeteachers.ie/videos.html.

If anyone takes this in CSPE class, especially as an Action Project we'd like to hear from you - maybe you could write it up for a future edition of the Activate Newsletter.

There is a guide to tackling a referendum in CSPE class is on our website:

<http://www.cspeteachers.ie/referendum.html>

Advance Notice of Conference

We are happy to announce that our Annual Conference for 2012 will be held for the first time in Cork. Provisional details are as follows – venue will be the Metropole Hotel, Cork City, on Saturday 13th October. We hope to have workshops on Human Rights, Development Education, the Environment, the referendum and the Constitution, reporting on Action Projects, Co-Ordination and Inspection, CSPE and IT. As we finalise the arrangements news will added to our website's News page (www.cspeteachers.ie/news.html) and also information and booking forms will be sent to schools in September.

Membership Matters

If you have received this Newsletter that means your membership is up to date for 2011/2012. Check envelope label for status.

News

Certificate in Holocaust Education

Holocaust Education Trust Ireland in association with The Herzog Centre, Trinity College Dublin is now offering a Certificate in Holocaust Education. It provides in-depth tuition on the historical significance and contemporary resonance of the Holocaust. This programme provides participants with information, tools and skills to address this subject in their area of work, and to develop pedagogic expertise to complement their knowledge. The programme is divided into four modules, all of which must be completed by participants who wish to attain the certificate.

Course Duration: 1 Year: August 2012-August 2013. Enrolment : August 2012

Please note that this programme may be eligible under the Teacher Refund Scheme:

<http://www.mie.ie/Continuing-Professional-Development/Refund-of-Fees-Scheme.aspx>

More info here: http://www.hetireland.org/index.php?page=research_overview

CSPE.tv

CSPE.tv is a web channel for CSPE teachers. Here you can find free lesson plans based on the seven concepts of the CSPE course, video clips, and resources related to all elements of the course. There's an online quiz based on the 2011 exam paper, and a forum for discussing CSPE related issues. Guidelines on Action Projects are given, including video examples, but the version of the Report on Action Project is from 2004, so ensure you are using the most up to date version. Also, attention is not given to the Course Work Assessment Book (CWAB).

Eco-Unesco Activities

ECO-UNESCO's Introduction to Sustainable Development (FETAC L5)

- Enrolling now for July intensive course entry

This course is aimed at anyone interested in learning more about sustainable development including: professionals, local authorities, businesses, teachers, youth leaders, community workers, young people under 25 and the general public.

.....*SEEKING PHOTOS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE* - Exhibition on Active Global Citizenship

EXTENDED Deadline: 30 May 2012

"Camera on Citizenship – Global Views" Exhibition will take place in the Greenhouse in the run up to the Rio+20 UN conference on Sustainable Development (June 2012).

Leading up this Summit, ECO-UNESCO is asking young people to consider what being an active European and global citizen for sustainable development means. We are inviting young people to show us through your camera lens what it means to you to be an active European and global citizen.

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