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Spring Seminar 2010

Research, theory and best practice of second language teaching and learning: insights relevant to EAL pupils in Irish primary and second level schools

*A presentation by Jacinta Mc Keon,
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**Thursday April 29th 2010
7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.**

**Cork Education Support Centre,
Western Road,
Cork.**



Abstract for Seminar Presentation

This talk will explore some concepts from second language teaching and learning research, theory and best practice to understand the relevance they might have in informing classroom practice in the teaching of EAL pupils. Concepts to be explored include: the role of comprehensible input in second language learning and advancing reading skills, the use of the mother tongue in assisting EAL student learn English and at the same time access the primary/post-primary curriculum, second language learning strategies in developing reading skills in English and the acquisition of English and collaborative approaches to second language learning and teaching.

Presenter: Jacinta Mc Keon

Jacinta is an experienced German language teacher at second level. She worked as a programme designer and a teacher trainer for the DES in relation to the introduction of the common syllabus for modern languages for senior cycle. She has also designed language learning materials for Nelson publishers and Authentik. She has contributed to second language curriculum development as a member of the Senior Cycle German Course committee of the NCCA. Jacinta worked for two years as a Project Leader in the Modern Languages Initiative in Primary Schools, providing in-service training to primary and secondary teachers on behalf of the Department of Education and Science. She currently lectures in the area of Second Language Education in the School of Education, UCC and her research interests include the teaching of second languages, second language acquisition, materials design and evaluation, understandings of communicative language teaching among pre-service teachers and use of the target language as the language of the classroom



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