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'Libraries and the New Junior Cycle'

Friday, 22nd November 2013,
9.30am-12.30pm

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Our first speaker, **Annette Honan**, works with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). She will provide an overview of the changes that are taking place and also highlight some aspects of these changes that will directly relate to the work of school librarians such as the focus on key skills (e.g. managing information) and the move towards more self-directed learning, project work, presentations, portfolios, etc.

Our second speaker, **Mick O'Riordan**, works with the Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP) as Regional Advisor. This presentation will look at how the JCSP programme targets the needs of individual students. The talk will focus on the skills development of students and how the JCSP system supports it.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of speakers after both presentations. There will also be an opportunity to browse and purchase books at the **International Education Services** stand.

Programme

- 9:30 am Registration
- 10:00 am Annette Honan *'The New Junior Cycle and the Opportunities It Presents for School Librarians'*
- 11:00 am Coffee break
- 11:30 am Mick O'Riordan *'Resources for Skills Development: The JCSP Experience'*
- 12.30 pm Seminar closes

Speakers:

Annette Honan works with the NCCA's Junior Cycle team and is involved in all aspects of junior cycle developments currently underway. She also coordinates the NCCA Junior Cycle School Network, a network of 49 schools that have taken on to progress junior cycle reform as early adopters.

Mick O'Riordan has worked as Regional Advisor with the JCSP since 2007. Before that he worked for 6 years in the Visiting Teacher Service for Travellers and worked as a teacher for over 20 years in Tallaght Community School. Mick also worked for 3 years in Zimbabwe under an Irish Government Agency. Throughout his professional career Mick has been involved in the area of social inclusion in Education.

For details on how to reach the venue, or any other enquiries, please contact secretary@slari.ie.