

New course by the MUT on Effective Use of Technology in the Classroom

The Malta Union of Teachers is organising a course for Primary School educators (i.e. Teachers, LSAs, KGAs etc) on the effective use of Technology in the classroom. This is being done as part of the Union's professional remit to promote the relevance of technology and to nurture a community of best practice amongst educators on the use of technology in teaching. For these session participants are requested to bring their work laptops with them.

The course, which will be held at the MUT Offices in Valletta, will contain five sessions and will include topics such as using Windows 10, MS Office 365 and the flipped classroom concept, tablets and the many questions currently surrounding this new technological tool, online quizzes and games in the classroom and the use of technology with different pedagogies. This course, which will be available to MUT members, is subsidised and the MUT will only charge a nominal administration fee of €5. Deadline to apply is Friday 22nd January 2016. To register please send an email to communications@mut.org.mt with name, surname, ID Number and mobile number while the €5 cheque payable to the MUT has to reach the Union by the same deadline. Places will be limited and will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis. Sessions in more detail:

Session	Date	Theme	Trainer	Requirement
1	Thursday 28 th January 4-6pm	Basic Introduction to Computers and Windows 10 The session will introduce computer's hardware, and main features of the new Windows 10. The session shall cover the basic skills needed to create folders, check graphics options (ex: resolution, rotation), display settings, One Drive and create a Microsoft account, download apps and set the ilearn email account.	Ms Lorna Schembri is a B.Ed (Hons) graduate who taught in primary schools before joining the Peripatetic Service (ICT, Primary) following a diploma in ICT in Education. She was appointed Service Manager ICT in Education in 2009 and led the project of the computer/laptop leasing process, installation of Interactive Whiteboards, new network systems in schools, introducing the ilearn platform and the helpdesk. She holds a postgraduate diploma in Educational Management and Leadership and she is currently an Assistant Head in a primary school.	Participants to bring their work Laptops.
2	Thursday 4 th February 4-6pm	Introduction to MS Office 365 and the flipped classroom concept The session will mainly focus on MS Office 365 tools - Word 2010, Excel 2010 and Powerpoint 2010 covering the most common and widely used features for classroom purposes. The session shall also introduce the flipped classroom concept.	Ms Lourdes Micallef is a B.Ed (Hons) graduate in the secondary sector and holds a Masters in Education from the University of Malta. She has been teaching ICT in State Schools since 2003 - currently employed with the Directorate for Educational Service as a Head of Department for elearning.	Participants to bring their work Laptops.
3	Thursday 11 th February 4-6pm	Introduction and FAQs related to tablets Tablets are coming to all Maltese Primary Schools but should teachers panic, seek another job or embrace this new technology that is already having an impact on society and in education? This session will answer the many questions surrounding this project.	Mr Martin Debattista is expert in e-learning, digital education and digital media, currently advising on the One Tablet Per Child Initiative by the Ministry for Education and lecturing in digital media in Higher Education.	Participants to bring their work Laptops and their tablets (if available).
4	Thursday 18 th February 4-6pm	Online quizzes and games in the classroom The session will outline the main features and benefits of online quizzes and educational games for the benefits of classroom practices. The session shall also introduce esafety.	Ms Lourdes Micallef (see above).	Participants to bring their work Laptops.
5	Thursday 25 th February 4-6pm	Technology in Education – but why? A series of educative pedagogies and tools to use with kids! This session is a fusion of two aspects which includes: A theoretical overview about the philosophy and the need to integrate technology in regular teaching. This includes the 'why' and the 'how' these tools are needed to empower students with 21 st century skills, and a practical review of several online tools that can be used in teaching and learning practice.	Mr Josmar Borg graduated as a teacher and specialising in Computer Science, has been teaching Computing and IT for the past 10 years at St Ignatius College, Boys' Secondary School. He recently concluded a Master of Technology Enhanced Learning from the University of Malta. His academic and research interests include technology acceptance, use and contextualisation by the end-users in the place of work.	Participants to bring their work Laptops.