

ROTA and iEARN-Qatar Workshops for Teachers

The Connect ROTAsia program at ROTA is offering two professional development workshops for teachers during October 2009:

Workshop A: Introduction to iEARN projects

Date: Saturday, the 17th of October, 2009

The aim of this workshop is to enable experienced teachers to integrate iEARN projects in their curriculum and collaborate online with members of the iEARN.org web platform.

* iEARN stands for the International Education and Resource Network, which is a non-profit organization made up of 30'000 schools in more than 130 countries.

Workshop B: iEARN-Qatar and the ROTA Knowledge Network

Dates: Thursday, the 22nd of October & Saturday, the 24th of October, 2009

The aim of this workshop is to develop the teachers' knowledge about Project Based Learning (PBL) and project planning as well as to prepare them to apply this knowledge by implementing a project with their students. Day 1 of this workshop will cover PBL, project planning and integration; day 2 will be a hands-on computer training on the online web platforms: www.iearn.org & www.rotaknowledgenet.org.

Workshop B will also allow candidates to become members of the ROTA Knowledge Network and benefit from the online support of the iEARN-Qatar community and facilitators during the project implementation period.

A more detailed description of the workshops is available on pages 2 and 3.

Teachers can either register for Workshop A only or for Workshops A & B. It is mandatory to attend Workshop A in order to proceed to Workshop B.

The application deadline is the 6th of October, 2009

Prerequisites for Participating Schools

- Internet access during school hours and after school (as required) for both teachers and students
- Teachers must have a basic knowledge of ICT, an active email address and a good command of English Language
- The School must be registered with iEARN-Qatar by assigning a focal point for communication about iEARN-Qatar activities, and completing the School Registration Form and Commitment Letter
- Motivation and commitment from teachers to actively collaborate online and face-to-face for the duration of the project
- Minimum of two teachers participating per school
- Projects should preferably be integrated into existing curriculum

For more information

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Workshop A- Introduction to iEARN projects workshop

Date: Saturday, 17th of October, 2009 from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Location: Education City, Qatar Foundation – Community and Recreation Center

The aim of this workshop is to introduce iEARN, iEARN projects and Project Based Learning pedagogy; and enable experienced teachers to join the iearn.org network and implement an iEARN project with their students.

Requirements:

To participate in this workshop, teachers need to have:

- An internet access during school hours and after school (as required)
- Basic knowledge of ICT and an active email address
- A good command of English language

Workshop Agenda:

- What is iEARN?
- What are iEARN projects?
- What is Project Based Learning?
- How to get started with my iEARN project?
- iEARN Collaboration Center: www.iearn.org
- Preparing students for online collaboration

Outcomes:

At the end of the training, teachers will...

- Be familiar with Project Based Learning pedagogy, and online collaborative learning
- Understand what iEARN is and what iEARN projects are
- Be able to select an iEARN project
- Be competent on the iEARN.org web platform

Workshop B- iEARN-Qatar & the ROTA Knowledge Network

Dates Day1: **Thursday, the 22nd of October, 2009** from 8:00am to 5:30 pm

Location: Education City, Qatar Foundation - Community and Recreation Center

Day 2: **Saturday, 24th of October, 2009** (½ day)

Location: Qatar Foundation Porto Cabin 9- Computer room

The aim of this workshop is to develop the teachers' knowledge about Project Based Learning (PBL) and project planning as well as to prepare them to apply this knowledge by implementing a project with their students. Day 1 of this workshop will cover PBL, project planning and integration; day 2 will be a hands-on computer training on the online web platforms: www.learn.org & www.rotaknowledgenet.org .

Additionally, by attending this workshop, teachers will become members of the ROTA Knowledge Network community and will use and benefit from the tools, resources and online support that is offered through the web platform.

Requirements:

To attend this workshop, teachers need to:

- Attend workshop A first
- Commit to complete the online course and requirements including doing an iEARN project with their students and collaborating with other teachers on the ROTA Knowledge Network and the learn.org platforms

Day1

Workshop Agenda:

- A deeper look into PBL
- Mapping your project to the Curriculum
- Getting started: plan for your project
- Designing rubrics to assess the project work
- Online follow-up course and next steps

Outcomes:

At the end of the training, teachers will...

- Have drafted a plan for their iEARN project
- Have started building their own individual online professional development portfolio
- Be able to implement a collaborative project with their students
- Be clear on the next steps and how their progress will be followed online
- Have a unique professional development opportunity by being supported and mentored on the ROTA Knowledge Network by the iEARN-Qatar facilitators throughout the project implementation period

Day2 (half a day)

Workshop Agenda:

- Browsing through the structure and tools of the iEARN and ROTA Knowledge Network platforms: www.learn.org & www.rotaknowledgenet.org
- Managing your accounts
- Teacher Online Portfolio on the ROTA Knowledge Network

Outcomes:

At the end of the training, teachers will...

- Be more confident and familiar with the structure and tools of the two platforms
- Introduce themselves to the community of both networks
- Be able to share their project work online, and collaborate with other members of the two platforms
- Be able to register their students and manage their accounts on the learn.org platform