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To: All College Principals, Education Officers, Heads of Primary (State and Non-State) and Sections

From: Joanne Grima – CEO Institute for Education

Subject: The Project Approach Seminars for Early Years teachers and Kindergarten Assistants

The Institute for Education recognises that Early Childhood Educators face the challenge of creating opportunities that enable children to build on their natural curiosity of the world around them. Therefore, the Institute has invited Dr Sylvia Chard, founder of The Project Approach, to hold two seminars to share her research and work experience with young children.

Dr Sylvia Chard is Professor Emeritus of Early Childhood Education at the University of Alberta, Canada. Dr Chard is co-author with Lilian G Katz and Yvonne Kogan of the book, *Engaging Children's Minds: The Project Approach, 3rd Ed. (2014)* and continues to maintain a website and blog at: <http://www.projectapproach.org> 6 Practical Guides for Teachers are available on her website and are highly recommended to those teachers participating in the workshops.

Heads of Schools are asked to nominate

- a) 1 Early Years/ Kindergarten Assistant for **Seminar 1** and
- b) 1 Year 1 or Year 2 teacher for **Seminar 2**.

Seminar 1 for Early Years/Kindergarten teachers will be held on **22nd & 23rd November, between 08.00 and 14.00 at Maria Regina College Boys' Secondary, Mosta.**

Seminar 2 for Year 1 or Year 2 teacher will be held on **24th & 25th November, between 08.00 and 14.00 at St Clare College, Primary School, Pembroke.**

Applications should be done online through the following link: <https://goo.gl/fA1zcr>
Applications can be submitted till the 14th November 2016.

The seminars will provide a general overview of the Project Approach to teaching and learning and introduce a three-phase planning and implementation framework. Seminar participants will be involved in some practical work to illustrate principal features of the approach.

Participants attending seminars are asked to bring the following items:

Stationery to bring to workshop

- 1 large hard coloured paper (kartoncina)
- 2 x A4 coloured paper (any colour)
- 2 x A4 coloured hard coloured paper (kartoncina any colour)
- Stapler and staples
- Glue stick
- Small roll of tape
- Coloured crayons or pencils
- Whiteboard markers
- Blue tack
- Clipboard
- Digital device to take photos

Thanks for your collaboration.

**Joanne Grima
CEO Institute for Education**