



NUI MAYNOOTH
Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

NUI Maynooth Teaching and Learning Showcase 2011/12

Civic Engagement: Sharing library knowledge, collections and expertise with local artists

A project in part fulfillment of PGDHE

Subject: Information resources for art practitioners

Overview of Best Practice/Innovation:

Participants: Co-creators of curriculum

Blended learning approach

Electronic

Print

Art activities

Shared expertise/knowledge

Browse library art collection



Adélaïde Labille-Guyard (1749-1803)

How it Worked:

Two sessions, 2 hours. 12 Adults. Mixed age group. Group **co-creators curriculum**

Youtube - demonstrations in watercolours, oils, acrylic, printing and pricing

Library catalogue for art books, display of **art books** in room

Printed handouts- watercolour **tutorial**, hanging and framing art

Short **Art activities** - blind and imaginative drawing exercises

Browse art section in library

Shared knowledge/expertise – lots of discussion

Informed, social approach – **parity of esteem**

Invited to **use library** in following weeks

Lessons Learned:

- Library has knowledge, resources and expertise to play a vital role in civic engagement
- Involve group in the curriculum design
- Use a blended approach to include all learners and to maintain interest
- Sharing of knowledge and expertise increases confidence, ownership and social cohesiveness
- Unexpected results: Stimulated ideas and actions for future development of the art group

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