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# Info on school & me.

Eileen Fitzgerald A.I.B.S.D., L.T.C.L. runs a very successful Speech & Drama School which was established in 1992. Eileen has been involved in and studied speech & drama from a young age. She teaches all aspects of communication skills and drama from 4-year olds to 85-year olds!

Eileen studied with Trinity College London attaining a Licentiate Teachers Diploma. She has an Associate Diploma with the Irish Board of Speech & Drama.

IN 1995 she was appointed an examiner with the Irish Board of Speech & Drama and travels throughout the country examining students. Eileen also examines diploma students with the Board.

Currently President of the 75th Feile Luimnigh, the largest voluntary festival of its kind in the North Munster area, Eileen (together with her team) are presently organising 7000 competitors between Instrumental, Vocal, Speech & Drama and Roinn na Gaeilge.

Along with her colleague Ailbhe Donnelly Flanagan, Eileen has also been running the popular and friendly Cratloe Speechfest for the last eight years.

She has adjudicated at feiseanna throughout the Island of Ireland.

# PICTURE of Moi! See gmail of headshots & pick one.

*What is Speech & Drama?*

This is a weekly class to introduce students to all aspects of Speech and Drama, to develop creativity, build confidence, and enhance the technique of public performance. We all develop at various rates and with this in mind we aim to hone and develop the skills of every student at an optimal pace to suit their emotional and developmental well-being.

Classes focus on acting, improvisation, role play, characterisation, effective communication, theatre games, mime, puppetry, public speaking, speech work, storytelling and much more.

Our classes equip each student with many important tools to help them achieve their full potential which will support them throughout their lives. While learning a range of techniques, students develop their personality, learn to work in a team, interact with peers, make decisions and most importantly have fun.

*What are the benefits of speech & drama for my child?*

1. **Increases self-confidence.** We create a safe environment for students to express themselves without feeling judged, building their confidence and developing new skills.
2. **Inspires and unlocks creativity** **and imagination.** By encouraging the student to think outside the box, we analyse how to look at situations from all points of view.
3. **Develops interpersonal skills.** Both verbal & non-verbal communication, teamwork, conflict resolution and active listening is focused on.
4. **Use of positive body language.** Our classes provide a trusting experience to learn and practice positive body language. Being aware of the message one’s own body sends out is a powerful way of communicating.
5. **Clear, expressive and articulate speech.** We use a variety of speech exercises and theatre games to work on the voice.
6. **Practice empathy and respect.** We encourage the process of discussion, brainstorming, making choices and negotiating to stimulate the student to develop a greater empathy with people they meet in their daily lives.
7. **Grow to love public speaking.** So many people fear speaking in public. With fluency and confidence building exercises we ease the most nervous speaker to fulfil their potential.
8. **Appreciation of literature and drama.** Both the classics and contemporary works are explored in drama and poetry.

With almost 30 years of experience teaching a wide range of acting and speech classes. Classes are offered for beginners, children, teenagers and adults focusing on developing public speaking skills, and performance technique training.

If you would like more information please contact me on 086 8187549 or email [eileen.fitzgerald.school@gmail.com](about:blank)

# Classes & Calendar

Classes timetable.

\*\*\*Due to Covid-19 restrictions please note these times and venues may be subject to change. In case of further lockdowns, classes will go online.\*\*\*

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| Monday | Tuesday | Thursday |
|  | 2pm Barefield 4-6 years |  |
| 3pm Barefield 7-8 years | 3pm Barefield 8-9 years | 2.45pm Clarecastle 5-8 years |
|  | 4pm Barefield 10-12 years | 3.45pm Clarecastle |
| 5pm Ennis, 1st- 2nd year | 5pm Barefield 9-12 years | 4.45pm Clarecastle |
| 6pm Ennis, Primary Sch age |  | 5.45pm |
| 7pm Ennis, 3rd year to LC |  |  |

\*\*Professionals looking for one to one sessions are by appointment at a time to be agreed.

Calendar 20-21

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| Classes reopen week of |
| Midterm break Monday October 26th to Sunday November 1st inclusive |
| Christmas holidays, Saturday December 12th to Sunday January 10th 2021 |
| Midterm break Monday February 15th to Sunday February 21st inclusive |
| St Patricks Day, Wednesday March 17th. Classes not effected |
| Easter holidays, Friday March 26th |
| Exams session 1 Week of December 7th-11th |
| Exam session 2 Week of March 15th – 19th |

1. Fees

Two terms are in operation, Christmas term and spring/summer term.

Please note fees are due by the second week of the term. Discount available for 2nd and/or 3rd family member.

# Gallery Fl & Cratloe also past shows

Pictures see gmail of photos.

# Covid info

Include certs of safety courses completed—gmail of certs.

# Exam & Feis

Link to Irish Board of Speech & Drama

www.irishboard.ie

Link to Feile Luimnigh

[www.feileluimnigh.ie](about:blank)

The ninth Cratloe Speechfest originally planned for October 2020 is cancelled due to Covid-19. We hope to be back in 21!

# New Course Presentation Skills Training

Helping you communicate more effectively.

Starting Autumn 2020 a new six week online course (over Zoom) to help you prepare for any public speaking event. Numbers are limited.

Course content:

1. Getting to know you and ice breakers
2. A start…Say a few Words.
3. Working on the idea and on the voice
4. Working on the communication skills
5. Presenting your talk and feedback.
6. Refining your presentation and points for the future

# Payment options on the site

Talk to Mikhaila