## FEUERSTEIN COURSES IN COGNITIVE EDUCATION TO SUPPORT A CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

### Accredited Trainer Billy O' Neill

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## Sample of Evaluations from IE Standard Course June 2011

Billy your skills are so inspiring! You modelled a mediated approach in all of your communication! I particularly appreciated the detail and care you took to model successful delivery of the instruments. I hope I can do a job half as well. Thank you!

Elaine Bannatyne Deputy Headteacher Bearsden Academy Glasgow Scotland

Both content and delivery excellent. Billy engenders the principles of Mediated Learning in everything he does. I believe everyone left feeling enthusiastic about embarking on I.E. with our student groups, and feeling we had also learned something about ourselves. This was a memorable and highly valued course, with top class instruction and presentation.

Mary Tulley
Principal Teacher
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Extremely interesting and very relevant to the work that I do with young people who have issues related to learning and behaviour. The pace of this course was just right over the 5 days and held my interest to the end. I'm looking forward to using the instruments and feel enthusiastic and motivated.

Lyn Forbes Additional Needs Teacher South Lanarkshire Scotland

# Evaluations from IE Standard Course delivered to the Psychological Service, Tallaght, Ireland September 2011

The course was excellent, very well delivered. A good blend of practical exercises and theory. Billy was able to constantly come up with examples of how to bridge and generalise the lessons. An excellent teacher, encouraging interaction, welcoming debate and allowing some flexibility in break times to meet the needs of the group. His passion for IE is contagious. We will definitely be implementing this programme in our service, I just hope we can do it justice! Highly recommend Billy as a trainer, he really knows his stuff.

Course was excellent re organisation, delivery & materials. Billy's willingness to share his knowledge & expertise as well as his passion for the benefits of the IE programme were inspirational. I look forward to using IE to improve my practice. Many thanks.
Billy is an excellent facilitator. I found his inclusive approach refreshing and motivating. I would recommend him as a trainer of FIE.
Course was interesting, engaging and relevant. Both the materials and the ideas provided added value for our service.
The course was very informative and interesting. Billy is an excellent facilitator. I found his stories from his experience particularly helpful in seeing how I will apply this to my own work. I am excited about the concepts of MLE and IE, especially the idea of bridging and I am really looking forward to incorporating this into my work. Feuerstein was light years ahead of his game! Thank you!

#### FEUERSTEIN TRAINING EVALUATION

Training 1 - 5 April 2013 Essa Academy, Bolton, England 20 Trainees 19 Evaluation forms completed, one without comments.

#### INSTRUMENTAL ENRICHMENT Standard LEVEL 1

Please complete this Evaluation Questionnaire by circling the appropriate response to each question.

[1]	How did you find the content of the presentation delivered by Billy O'Neill?		
	(a) VERY INFORMATIVE	(b) INFORMATIVE	(c) NOT INFORMATIVE
[2]	Did you understand how to use the instruments?		
	(a) YES	(b) NO	
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[3]	Will the course make a positive impact on your professional practice?		
	(a) YES	(b) NO	
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#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS** (Please add any further comments in the box below)

Billy was a fantastic trainer, passionate and easy to understand. I've found the course invaluable and I am now keen to learn all 14 instruments along with the basic. Looking forward to implementing the IE and seeing how I can bridge the gap between teaching and learning. (Alex Tems)

I feel privileged to be a part of such a revolutionary yet necessary training course. It will most certainly positively impact my teaching and my students. Thanks Billy – I thoroughly enjoyed the week.

Excellent! I cannot wait to start using what I have learned with my students. Billy was so passionate and instilled that passion for FIE in us. Looking forward to completing the Basic Course. (Jemma)

Really enjoyed the course and it has really helped me to think of other ways of teaching to develop students' cognitive skills. I have taken away some brilliant ideas and I can really see the benefit of the programme.

A pleasure to be taught FIE and given the chance to use on our students and taught by such a great trainer who presented and explained the course very well and made me recognise I was cleverer than I thought I was.

Very informative. Billy was extremely enthusiastic which contributed to us all being inspired by the approach. Looking forward to implementing the programme and the positive impact I am sure it will have if we are able to deliver it in the effective manner that it is intended to be done.

A very interesting course that I can implement with students I work with. I believe all children have the potential to succeed and with the use of these instruments I can support students confidently. Very well facilitated by Billy who explained all instruments effectively (Sue Yates, Student Welfare Officer Essa).

Detailed and interesting course fantastically delivered by Billy. I have taken away ideas that I can use with immediate effect within my teaching.

#### Essa Academy Evaluations (continued)

I have thoroughly enjoyed the course and feel very optimistic that it will guide me in the way I work in future with my students. It is very thought-provoking and has made me assess myself. A wonderful course (Karen Wood, Student Welfare Officer at Essa Academy).

I have enjoyed this course so much! I have learned so much about myself and the ways I will do things differently (being aware of how I say/mediate to the students). I have picked up some excellent strategies. I intend to implement into my mediating, and have started to! I enjoyed this so much that I wish to take this further! Thanks.

FIE will fit perfectly alongside New Basics at Essa Academy. The mediation skills taught in the course make sense and allow deeper learning to happen. It will help us reach students that we have not been able to before.

Very enjoyable and worthwhile course. Well delivered and planned. I enjoyed doing the instruments from a learner's point of view. Thanks Billy!

Excellent delivery and manner. Thoroughly enjoyed covering the content and applying new skills. Not sure I would have been as engaged at times if it wasn't for Billy's enthusiasm, experience and attitude. Thank you very much for sharing your experience and knowledge. This has been an excellent opportunity for me at this early stage in my career.

Really enjoyed this week of training – thank you. I am very excited by the enhanced good practice and success stories of this FIE approach and I can see how my new skills and knowledge will inform and shape my future teaching and practice. Professor Feuerstein is a pure inspiration and I pray I can measure up to his philosophies and belief. Thank you so much.

An extremely passionate delivery. The clear evidence and persuasion that this can make such a difference has inspired me to work harder to ensure that students receive a constant source of mediation from myself. I will begin on Monday.

The course is inspiring and provides you with lots of new techniques to mediate rather than show. It would be good to receive the handouts as a binder. I am looking forward to using my new instruments to allow students to reach new goals. Thank you!

Thank you very much. The method is simplistic and achievable and makes <u>SO</u> much sense. I feel that my teaching will become enhanced and hopefully the pupils learning will be a positive one! I am looking forward to implementing this way of learning.

Clear explanations made throughout the course. Informative to planning.