

# Getting Practical



## **Getting Practical – [www.gettingpractical.org.uk](http://www.gettingpractical.org.uk)**

Back in September 2009, the *Getting Practical* website was launched and since then we have had a steady flow of primary and secondary teachers, ITT tutors and other science education specialists visiting the site. It is here that visitors can find out more about the programme, its background, when and where its courses are running and how it is progressing. Whilst the website is a key forum for information and support for the programme, it is also a hub for excellent resources for teachers of all ages for practical science.

The 'resources' section houses a primary, secondary and post-16 area and, within each of these areas, we have listed the resources offered by our partner organisations that are appropriate to practical science. For primary teachers, a useful link to the

[www.practicalprimaryscience.org](http://www.practicalprimaryscience.org) website is provided; a great place to find practical activities accompanied by teachers' notes and further information. By working with the Nuffield Foundation, we are able to link the secondary and post-16 pages to the [www.practicalbiology.org](http://www.practicalbiology.org), [www.practicalchemistry.org](http://www.practicalchemistry.org) and [www.practicalphysics.org](http://www.practicalphysics.org) websites. Each of these sites holds resources to support teachers, relating to over 100 experiments and activities, complete with technician notes, teacher notes and links to finding further information on various topics. Teachers can find a link to the LabSkills project too and register their schools to receive the free USB stick of resources on offer.

The website also hosts many useful documents relating to the pedagogy behind practical work in science. There are links to a variety of documents, including the SCORE research from 2008

and papers by Professor Robin Millar from the University of York. Robin's work has provided much of the background research and grounding for the *Getting Practical: Improving Practical Work in Science* Programme.

*Getting Practical* also offers support for teachers through the wider areas of practical work. Those interested in working outside the classroom can find reports from a series of meetings held recently focusing on various aspects of Outdoor Science. Those planning on redeveloping or building laboratory space can also find advice here. There are even suggestions for places to take school groups for a practical science experience.

We are always keen to add new resources, so please do contact us through the website to let us know about any you know of. For more information, please visit [www.gettingpractical.org.uk](http://www.gettingpractical.org.uk)