**COURSE ON PREVENTION OF EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING**

**Module 1 – IDENTIFYING STUDENTS AT RISK**

Workshop Outline

**Welcome and Introductions**

* Introduction of tutors and participants
* Introduction of participants to each other

**The Social Inclusion Project**

* Outline of the project –
* Information regarding the Aims, Objectives, European Partners and the History of the project to date

**Introduction to the educational package**

* Aims of the pilot project
* Expectations of teachers

**Introduction to the project portal**

* Exploration of the project portal
  + Introduction to the web site, homepage & the forum page
  + Emphasis that access will be password protected for Data Protection and teachers can use nicknames to protect their privacy and avoid identification of individual students
  + Tasks for the participants

**Early school leaving in Ireland**

* Presentation of findings in the National Report
* Reference of Irish situation to findings in the Transnational Report

**Module 1 – Identification of Risk Factors**

* Presentation of 5 case studies
* Overview of factors affecting students’ participation in education programme
  + Educational Factors
  + Personal Factors
  + Family Factors and
  + Community Factors
* Individual reflection on varying factors
* Discussion in small groups
* Feedback and evaluation

**Teachers’ experience of dealing with the issue of early school leaving**

* + Introduction and write up of teachers’ personal experience of dealing with early school leaving issues

**Comments to the module in the forum**

* + Each teacher posts comments on to the School Inclusion Forum

**Evaluation of the workshop**

* + Small group and full group discussion

**Overview of Module 2 - Communications**