Since the beginning of 2013 we’ve stepped up a gear and have been busy creating and uploading pdfs which can be used by our Subscribers to construct new exercises for their settings.

While we have our own plans concerning the resources we generate for the website we pride ourselves on having an open dialogue with our subscribers which enables us to respond to their requests. Consequently our plans get altered as we find ourselves absorbed in the task of finding suitable components to construct the myriad of pdfs requested.

As we become used to using the software and develop our own templates, it’s becoming easier to work with technology rather than feeling technology has consciously taken the position of working against us! Even so, the Aistear & Montessori Individual Recording Card, which can be filled in and saved on your own computer, proved to be tricky. We’re still not completely happy with it and as a result we have two versions available, a pdf and a Word version.
We think the Aistear & Montessori Individual Recording Card is an important piece of work as it allows the exercises completed on a daily basis in a Montessori setting to be recorded reflecting the Aims and Learning Goals of Aistear.

Speaking to Montessorians working in Ireland it was clear they were struggling with Aistear, Ireland’s Early Years National Framework. They could see Aistear and Montessori were one and the same, but they were unable to communicate this effectively with non Montessorians who were unfamiliar with the Aims and Learning Goals of the Montessori Method.

Accordingly, Montessorians ending up doing extra work, creating circle times with unfamiliar themes to enable the observations, reflective practice and individual learning plans required by Aistear. In effect Montessorians were doubling up on their workload! We had to find a solution, a common language both non Montessorians and Montessorians could understand without requiring further explanation.

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It had to be user friendly, easily understood & uncluttered. We have already mapped the Montessori exercises of Practical Life, Sensorial, Mathematics, Language and Culture to the 4 themes of Aistear. We were aware of the format required to record Aistear’s Aims & Learning Goals, all we needed was to put the two together in a easy to use format.

Our Aistear & Montessori Individual Recording Card combined with our mapped Montessori to Aistear keys, enables Montessorians to record the child using a piece of apparatus and where it fits into the Aistear Framework. As it is being filled in it can be saved in digital format and a hardcopy printed when it is complete so it is available for inspection when required.

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