

## ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

1 WEEK COURSE FOR EUROPEAN EDUCATORS  
DUBLIN, IRELAND

SUNDAY 7 MAY – SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023  
SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course aims to provide educators with:

- an insight into Citizenship Education in Irish Schools
- an opportunity to compare Citizenship Education in different European countries, to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
- practical skills, teaching ideas and materials for Citizenship Education
- ideas for promoting Active Citizenship

### COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Lecture: The Irish Education System**
2. **Lecture & Discussion on Citizenship Education in Irish Schools:** Curriculum and Active Citizenship and Green Schools Projects with a teacher of CSPE (Civic, Social & Political Education) and draw comparisons with Citizenship Education in the different countries represented on the course.
3. **Workshop on Global Citizenship and Education for Sustainable Development:** Teaching Ideas for Environmental Education and Sustainability by EcoUnesco
4. **Workshop: Action on Global Citizenship** by Global Action Plan.
5. **Day visit to a primary school:** observe Social, Person & Health Education (SPHE) classes or a **secondary school:** observe Civic, Social & Political Education (CSPE) classes. Discussion with teachers on the promotion of Active Citizenship.
6. **Lecture on Irish History, Culture and Traditions.**
7. Visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum.
8. A guided walking tour of Dublin and cultural visits to National Museum: Archeology, National Museum: History & Decorative Arts and Chester Beatty Library.

### LOCATION

**DUBLIN, Ireland:** Population: 1,228,000.

Famous for its cultural heritage and charming hospitality, Dublin is a lively city with a rich history, situated on the east coast of Ireland. Notable historic sights include its elegant Georgian squares, Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral, the Book of Kells at Trinity College, Kilmainham Gaol and National Museums. Temple Bar is a busy riverside neighbourhood with live Irish folk music venues.

Close to the city are the beautiful hills and lakes of Wicklow Mountains National Park and attractive coastal scenery.



## **TOTAL PRICE: €1447**

### **The price includes:**

#### **(a) COURSE FEE** to include:

Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemised above.

NB. Participants are responsible for paying their own daily transport costs, including visits to schools. Any optional visits are not included in the price.

#### **(b) HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION** to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 7 nights  
(Teachers may request to be the only guest of their mother tongue or to stay in the same family as a colleague).

Host families are carefully selected and offer a friendly welcome and opportunities to chat and learn more about life in Ireland today. Participants often find that the experience of staying with a host family is one of the most memorable aspects of the course. Accommodation is in single rooms (unless participants request to share). Breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal are provided by the host family. (Food allergies, likes and dislikes are taken into account.)

Please note that many suitable residential areas are not within walking distance of the city centre and most host families are an easy bus ride from the city centre/tuition centre. A travel pass for all Dublin public transport costs €40 per week and can also be used to visit nearby coastal villages, beaches and cliffs.

Additional nights with host families can be arranged, giving participants extra time for individual research and visits. Accommodation can be provided for family members (but not unaccompanied children) subject to availability. (Rates on request).

Participants wishing to arrange their own (hotel or self-catering) accommodation may pay a fee for the course only.

### **TRAVEL:**

Participants are responsible for arranging their travel to and from Ireland.  
Express buses run from Dublin Airport to the city.

### **PAYMENT:**

Full payment will be due 2 months before the course begins, or for teachers awaiting funding: as soon as the grant is received.  
No refund for cancellations within 5 weeks of arrival. Applicants are strongly advised to take out cancellation insurance.  
Postponement due to Covid-19 will be possible if necessary.

### **PREPARATION:**

Participants are asked to complete a questionnaire before the course starts in order to ascertain their level of experience and training, the age groups and types of learners they teach and their expectations from the course. This helps trainers to respond to participants' individual needs and ensure that the most relevant areas are carefully integrated.

### **EVALUATION:**

At the end of the course teachers participate in a detailed evaluation of the course.

### **FOLLOW UP:**

At the end of the course teachers are asked to consider which aspects of the course will be the most relevant to their own teaching situations. On their return they are invited to keep a record of how they have been able to utilise ideas gained on the course in their own classrooms. They are encouraged to share their experiences with their fellow participants by email.

### **CERTIFICATE & ERASMUS+ VALIDATION:**

A certificate of attendance (stating course content and number of hours) will be provided and Erasmus+ documentation will be validated.

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY			Arrive Dublin
MONDAY	0930- Welcome & Introduction 1015  1030- Lecture on the Irish Education 1230 System	1400- Guided Walking Tour of Dublin 1700	
TUESDAY	0900- Workshop on Global Citizenship and 1200 Education for Sustainable Development: Teaching Ideas for Environmental Education and Sustainability by EcoUnesco	1400- Visit National Museum: 1630 History & Decorative Arts	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
WEDNESDAY	0930- Lecture & Discussion on Citizenship 1230 Education in Irish Schools: Curriculum and Active Citizenship and Green Schools Projects with a teacher of CSPE (Civic, Social & Political Education) and draw comparisons with Citizenship Education in the countries represented on the course	1400- Visit EPIC 1630 The Irish Emigration Museum	
THURSDAY	0900- Visit to a secondary school 1400 Observe Civic, Social & Political Education (CSPE) classes and discussion with teachers on the promotion of Active Citizenship or 0900- Visit to a primary school 1400 Observe Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) classes and discussion with teachers on the promotion of Active Citizenship		
FRIDAY	0930- Workshop: Action on Global 1200 Citizenship by Global Action Plan	1330- Lecture on Irish History, Culture 1630 and Traditions	
SATURDAY	1000- Cultural visits in Dublin: National Museum: Archaeology, Chester Beatty Library or 1700 National Botanic Gardens		
SUNDAY	Depart Dublin		