

ONE WEEK COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF GEOGRAPHY AT PRIMARY & SECONDARY LEVEL

GALWAY, IRELAND

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course aims to provide teachers with:

- an insight into the teaching of geography in Irish Schools
- practical ideas for teaching geography
- an opportunity to compare the teaching of geography in different European countries, to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
- an insight into different aspects of Irish geography and opportunities to engage in field studies



COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Lecture on the Teaching of Geography in Irish Schools: Curriculum & Teaching Methodologies**
Discussion comparing the teaching of Geography in the different countries represented with an Irish Geography teacher
2. **Workshop: Practical ideas for teaching Geography**
3. **A day visit to a secondary school.** Observe Geography lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers
4. **Coastal Field Studies on Galway Bay**
5. **Geographical visits to:**
 - The Burren National Park (Karst) and Cliffs of Moher (UNESCO Geopark)
 - Aran Island: Inis Mor
 - Connemara National Park
6. Guided walking tour of Galway City & visit Galway City Museum

LOCATION:

GALWAY, Ireland: Population: 80,000; 200 kilometres west of Dublin.

Galway is a lively harbour city on Ireland's west coast. The winding lanes of the Latin Quarter are the heart of the historical and cultural area of the city, with street entertainment and interesting shops. The city's seaside area, Salthill, has a fine beach overlooking Galway Bay.



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 primary 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. Local transport from host families to the city centre and local schools is likely to cost 15-30 Euro per week.

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.

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.

TRAVEL:

Participants are responsible for arranging their travel to and from Ireland. There are direct buses from Dublin Airport to Galway.

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 & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER			Arrive Galway
MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER	0930- Welcome and Introduction 1015 1100- Walking tour of Galway 1230	1400- Coastal field studies at Silverstrand, 1700 Galway Bay	
TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER	0930- Lecture: The Teaching of Geography 1200 in Irish Schools – Curriculum & Teaching Methodologies Discussion comparing the teaching of Geography in Ireland and the different European countries represented with an Irish Geography teacher	1400- Visit Galway City Museum 1500 1530- Workshop: Practical ideas for 1730 teaching Geography with an Irish Geography teacher	
WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER	0915- Geographical visit to Aran Island: Inis Mor 1845		Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER	0830- Day visit to a secondary school 1500 Observe Geography lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers 1600- Evaluation Session 1700		
FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER	0930- Geographical visit: The Burren National Park (Karst) and Cliffs of Moher 1800 (UNESCO Geopark)		
SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER	0900- Visit: Connemara National Park 1800		
SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER	Depart Galway		