

## 1 & 2 WEEK COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO PUPILS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

DUBLIN, IRELAND 2023

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course aims to provide teachers with:

- a range of new ideas, practical classroom skills and materials for teaching English to pupils with special needs
- an opportunity to improve their own language skills and to acquire language for the classroom
- an insight into Special Education in Ireland
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries

### COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Practical Methodology Workshops on Teaching English as a Foreign Language to Special Needs Pupils** conducted by expert teacher trainers with many years of experience in training European teachers of English and a wealth of exciting ideas to impart.

Emphasis will be on motivating pupils through a variety of activities which engage their imaginations and creativity. Plenty of practical ideas will be demonstrated and considered and teachers will be encouraged to participate.

Many aspects will be covered including:

Teaching English in an inclusive classroom	CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning);
Developing listening & speaking skills;	Increasing motivation;
Songs, rhymes & chants; poems;	Learner autonomy;
Drama and role play;	Co-operative learning;
Storytelling activities;	Using authentic materials;
TPR (Total Physical Response) Activities;	Correction and feedback strategies;
Games;	Textbooks;
Drawing and craft activities; using pictures	Using technology.
Teaching vocabulary;	

**A wide range of ready-made teaching materials will be provided.**

2. **Lecture & discussion on Special Needs Education in Ireland** and techniques for teaching a variety of special educational needs with the SEN (Special educational Needs) Co-ordinator
3. **Visit to a secondary school.** Observe lessons with integrated special needs pupils and opportunity for discussion with learning support staff  
or  
**Visit a Youthreach Centre** for students aged 15–20 with learning or behavioural difficulties
4. **English Language Training** (2-week courses only)
5. **Lecture on The Irish Education System**
6. **Visit to a Learning Centre for Young People** aged 13-15 who cannot access mainstream education due to educational, emotional, social or behavioural challenges. Presentation on the work of the centre (2-week courses only)
7. **Lecture on Irish History, Culture & Traditions** (2-week courses only)
8. **Cultural visit** to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & lakes (2-week courses only)
9. A guided walking tour of Dublin and cultural visits to National Museum: Archaeology, 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.



## 2023 DATES:

### 1-week courses

Sunday 23 April - Sunday 30 April  
Sunday 12 November - Sunday 19 November

### 2-week courses

Sunday 23 April - Saturday 6 May  
Sunday 12 November - Saturday 25 November

## TOTAL PRICE:

**1 Week: €1436**

**2 Weeks: €2095**

### 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 or 13 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 a bus ride from the city centre/tuition centre. A travel pass for all Dublin public transport costs €32 per week and can also be used to visit nearby coastal villages, beaches and cliffs.

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. Suggestions for optional pre-course reading are given.

**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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**2 WEEK COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO SPECIAL NEEDS PUPILS**

**DUBLIN 2023**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY			Arrive Dublin
MONDAY	0930- Welcome and Introduction 1015  1030- Lecture: The Irish Education System 1230	1400- Guided walking Tour of Dublin 1630	
TUESDAY	0900- Visit to a Secondary School 1300 Observe lessons with Integrated Special Needs Pupils and opportunity for discussion with learning support staff  or  1000- Visit to a Youthreach Centre for students aged 15–20 with learning or behavioural 1400 difficulties		Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
WEDNESDAY	0930- Workshop on Teaching English 1300 in an Inclusive Classroom	1400- Lecture & Discussion on Special 1700 Needs Education in Ireland and techniques for teaching a variety of special educational needs with a SEN (Special Educational Needs) Co-ordinator	
THURSDAY	0930- Workshop on Teaching English 1300 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils	1400- Workshop on Teaching English 1700 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils	
FRIDAY	0930- Workshop on Teaching English 1300 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils	1400- Workshop on Teaching English 1700 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils	
SATURDAY	1000- Cultural visits in Dublin: National Museum: History & Decorative Arts and 1700 National Botanic Gardens, National Museum: Archaeology		
SUNDAY	Free for individual research or optional visits eg. Book of Kells at Trinity college or Howth & Howth Head (east coast)		
MONDAY	0900-Lecture on Irish History, Culture & 1200 Traditions	1400- Visit Chester Beatty Library 1600	
TUESDAY	0900- English Language Training 1200	1300- English Language Training 1600	
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THURSDAY	1015- Cultural visit to Wicklow Mountains National Park, Glendalough monastic site & 1700 lakes		
FRIDAY	0930- Visit to a Learning Centre for young 1200 people aged 13-15 who cannot access mainstream education due to educational, emotional, social or behavioural challenges Presentation on the work of the centre	1500- Guided Tour of 14 Henrietta Street: 1615 Social History Museum of Dublin Life  1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
SATURDAY	Depart Dublin		

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