

DRAMA IN THE PRIMARY CLASSROOM

1 & 2 WEEK COURSES FOR TEACHERS

DUBLIN, IRELAND 2023

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course aims to provide teachers with:

- techniques and ideas for teaching drama
- ideas for using drama & storytelling activities to teach English
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
- an insight into the role of drama in primary education in Ireland

COURSE CONTENT (2-week courses):

1. **Drama in the primary classroom** - Practical workshops with emphasis on active participation, including techniques and ideas to help teachers to encourage creative and challenging experiences for pupils in drama classes. The workshop will also provide ideas for developing spoken language skills, and drama activities to use in other subject areas, engage pupils' imaginations and creativity
2. **Workshops: Drama Activities for Teaching English to Young Learners:** a variety of drama and storytelling activities which engage pupils' imaginations and creativity
3. **See 2 plays at Dublin theatres**
4. **Lecture on the Irish Education System**
5. **Visit to a cultural centre for children.**
6. **Visit to a Primary School.** Observe lessons and drama activities.
7. **Opportunity to exchange experiences with participants from other countries**
8. **Backstage tour of Abbey Theatre, Dublin**
9. **Visit places & museums connected with renowned Irish writers**
10. **Cultural visit to** Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & lakes
11. **Cultural visits to** National Museum: Archaeology, National Museum: History & Decorative Arts & Chester Beatty Library

Please see draft programmes for content of 1-week courses

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 16 April - Sunday 23 April
Sunday 23 April - Sunday 30 April

Sunday 5 November - Sunday 12 November
Sunday 12 November - Sunday 19 November

2-week courses

Sunday 16 April - Saturday 29 April

Sunday 5 November - Saturday 18 November

TOTAL PRICE:

1 Week: €1496

2 Weeks: €2195

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.

**2 WEEK COURSE FOR TEACHERS
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Sunday 5 November - Saturday 18 November**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY			Arrive Dublin
MONDAY	0900- Welcome and Introduction 1000 1000- Lecture on Irish History, Culture & 1300 Traditions	1400- Guided literary tour of Dublin 1630	
TUESDAY	0900- Workshop: Drama in the Primary 1230 Classroom	1500- Visit National Museum: Archaeology 1700	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish Folk Music
WEDNESDAY	1000- Visit a Cultural Centre for Children 1300	1530- Backstage Tour of Abbey Theatre 1730	See a play at a Dublin theatre
THURSDAY	0900- Workshop: Drama Activities for 1230 Teaching English as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop: Drama Activities for 1630 Teaching English as a Foreign Language	
FRIDAY	0900- Workshop: Drama Activities for 1230 Teaching English as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop: Drama Activities for 1630 Teaching English as a Foreign Language	
SATURDAY	Free for individual research or optional visits eg. Book of Kells at Trinity College or Howth and Howth Head (east coast)		
SUNDAY	1015- Cultural visit to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & 1700 lakes		
MONDAY	0930- Lecture: The Irish Education System 1130 1145- Opportunity to exchange experiences 1300 with participants from other countries	1400- Visit Chester Beatty Library 1600	
TUESDAY	0900- Workshop on Teaching Drama 1300 (Improvisation)	1430- Visit James Joyce Tower & Museum 1630 at Sandycove	
WEDNESDAY	0900- Visit to a Primary School. Observe lessons & drama activities 1400		
THURSDAY	0900- Workshop: Drama in the Primary 1200 Classroom: Using drama to stimulate students' interest in subjects such as history	1430- See an Irish play at a Dublin theatre 1700	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish Folk Music
FRIDAY	0900- Workshop on Teaching Drama 1300 (Scripted Performances)	1430- Visit National Museum: History & 1630 Decorative Arts 1630 Evaluation Session	
SATURDAY	Depart Dublin		

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