

# CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning)

1 & 2 WEEK PRACTICAL METHODOLOGY COURSES FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS

Dublin, Ireland 2023

These courses are designed for teachers at primary level (ages 5 to 11). Participants will have the opportunity to gain a wealth of new teaching ideas, practical classroom skills and CLIL materials for use in the primary classroom and also to improve their command of English and their knowledge of Ireland.

These courses will explore features and advantages of CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) - 'Bilingual' Teaching in which pupils learn a subject through the medium of a foreign language (English).

## COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The courses aim:

- to familiarise participants with examples of good practice in CLIL
- to increase understanding of the potential of CLIL methodology
- to encourage participants to develop CLIL projects relevant to their own context and pupils' ability.
- to provide a variety of new teaching ideas, practical classroom skills and materials
- to consider the use of digital technology in planning and implementing CLIL lessons



## COURSE CONTENT:

### 1. Workshops on CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) at Primary Level conducted by expert CLIL teacher trainers.

The focus is on new, practical and adaptable teaching and learning strategies.

The course will give participants the opportunity to reflect on:

- their own national curriculum and look for general topics which best suit the age of their pupils;
- the characteristics and needs of the CLIL learner in second language acquisition;
- methodological approaches to facilitate the communication of the content through English.

### CLIL Topics to be explored will include some of the following:

- **Teeth & Hygiene** (Presentation of a range of storytelling materials, craft activities and songs to introduce young learners aged 5-7 to CLIL)
  - **Food** (An example of a unit of work for ages 7-9, covering 8 weeks of lessons on food, food miles, menus, shopping and healthy eating, with songs, games and stories)
  - **The Solar System** (An example of a unit of work using craft activities and short stories to introduce pupils aged 9-11 to the science of the Solar System)
  - **A World of Art**
  - **Animals and Their Habitats**
  - **Save the Environment**
  - **European Weather**
  - **Plants Through the Seasons**
  - **Rainforests**
  - **Water**
2. **English Language Training:** classes to improve participants' own language skills (including listening & speaking skills, pronunciation, intonation, vocabulary, grammar review and language for the primary classroom) (on 2-week courses only)
3. **The Education System:**
- Lecture on the Irish Education System
  - Visit to a primary school with an opportunity to observe lessons (2-week term-time courses only)  
or  
Talk and discussion with an Irish primary school teacher– a typical school day in an Irish primary school, curriculum, Irish language-medium schools, inclusion, extracurricular activities, Green Schools, Active Schools etc and Aspects of children's lives in Ireland: family life, homes, food, celebrations, customs, games, music, television, social media, literature, fashion, hobbies, pets.
4. **Lecture on Irish History, Culture & Traditions** (2-week courses only)
5. **Cultural visit to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & lakes** (2-week courses only)
6. A guided walking tour of Dublin and cultural visits to National Museum: Archaeology, National Museum: History and Decorative Arts

## 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

#### Spring

Sunday 29 January – Sunday 5 February  
Sunday 12 February – Sunday 19 February  
Sunday 26 February – Sunday 5 March  
Sunday 12 March – Sunday 19 March  
Sunday 26 March – Sunday 2 April  
Sunday 9 April – Sunday 16 April  
Sunday 23 April – Sunday 30 April  
Sunday 7 May – Sunday 14 May

#### Summer

Sunday 18 June – Sunday 25 June  
Sunday 2 July – Sunday 9 July  
Sunday 16 July – Sunday 23 July  
Sunday 30 July – Sunday 6 August  
Sunday 13 August – Sunday 20 August  
Sunday 27 August – Sunday 3 September

#### Autumn

Sunday 1 October – Sunday 8 October  
Sunday 15 October – Sunday 22 October  
Sunday 29 October – Sunday 5 November  
Sunday 12 November – Sunday 19 November

### 2-week courses

#### Spring

Sunday 29 January – Saturday 11 February  
Sunday 12 February – Saturday 25 February  
Sunday 26 February – Saturday 11 March  
Sunday 12 March – Saturday 25 March  
Sunday 26 March – Saturday 8 April  
Sunday 9 April – Saturday 22 April  
Sunday 23 April – Saturday 6 May  
Sunday 7 May – Saturday 20 May

#### Summer

Sunday 18 June – Saturday 1 July  
Sunday 2 July – Saturday 15 July  
Sunday 16 July – Saturday 29 July  
Sunday 30 July – Saturday 12 August  
Sunday 13 August – Saturday 26 August  
Sunday 27 August – Saturday 9 September

#### Autumn

Sunday 1 October – Saturday 14 October  
Sunday 15 October – Saturday 28 October  
Sunday 29 October – Saturday 11 November  
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 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 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 of the 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. Local transport from host families to the city centre and local schools is at the participants' own expense. 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).

Alternatively on summer courses (18 June – 20 August):

**Self-catering accommodation in a university residence or similar** in a central location - single bedroom with en-suite shower/ wc; no meals provided (inclusive of registration fee):

**Total fee: 1 week course + 7 nights self-catering accommodation: € 1479**

**Total fee: 2 week course + 13 nights self-catering accommodation: € 2239**

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.

**OUTCOMES:**

By the end of the course participants will have:

- increased their understanding of CLIL methodology
- gained a wide variety of new ideas, skills and materials for Content and Language Integrated Learning at primary level
- learned more about life in Ireland
- established links with other teachers from different European countries

**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: DUBLIN 2023**

*DRAFT PROGRAMME*

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY			Arrive Dublin
MONDAY	0930- Welcome and Introduction 1015  1030- Lecture on the Irish Education 1230 System	1400- Guided Walking tour of Dublin 1630	
TUESDAY	0930- CLIL Workshop 1300	1400- CLIL Workshop 1700	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
WEDNESDAY	0930- CLIL Workshop 1300	1400- CLIL Workshop 1700	
THURSDAY	0930- CLIL Workshop 1300	1400- CLIL Workshop 1700	
FRIDAY	0930- CLIL Workshop 1300	1400- CLIL Workshop 1700	
SATURDAY	1000- Cultural visits in Dublin: National Museum: History & Decorative Arts, 1700 National Botanic Gardens		
SUNDAY	Free for individual research or optional visits eg. Book of Kells at Trinity College or Howth & Howth Head (east coast)		
MONDAY	0930- Lecture on Irish History, Culture 1230 and Traditions	1430- Visit Chester Beatty Library 1630	
TUESDAY	0900- Day visit to a primary school 1400 Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers (in term time) or Talk and discussion with an Irish primary school teacher – a typical day in an Irish primary school, curriculum, Irish language-medium schools, inclusion, extracurricular activities, Green Schools, Active Schools, etc and Aspects of Children's Live in Ireland: family life, home, food, celebrations, customs, games, music, television, social media, literature, fashion, hobbies, pets		
WEDNESDAY	0930- English Language Training 1230	1330- English Language Training 1630	
THURSDAY	1015- Cultural visit to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & 1700 lakes		
FRIDAY	0930- English Language Training 1300	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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**1 WEEK COURSE: DUBLIN 2023**

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