

LANGUAGE AND PRACTICAL METHODOLOGY: CREATIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM

1 & 2 WEEK COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AT PRIMARY LEVEL (Ages 3-11)

Dublin, Ireland 2023

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

These courses aim to provide teachers of English at primary level with:

- a range of new ideas, practical classroom skills and materials for teaching English to young learners
- an opportunity to improve their own language skills and to acquire language for the primary classroom
- an insight into Primary Education in Ireland
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from primary schools in other European countries
- cultural background to Life in Ireland



COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Practical Methodology Workshops on Teaching English as a Foreign Language at Primary Level** 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 child-centred activities which engage their imaginations and creativity. Different approaches to Primary Language Teaching will be discussed.
 Plenty of practical ideas will be demonstrated and considered and teachers will be encouraged to participate.
 Many aspects will be covered including:
 Developing listening & speaking skills;
 Songs, rhymes & chants; poems;
 Drama and role play;
 Storytelling activities;
 TPR (Total Physical Response) Activities;
 Games;
 Drawing and craft activities; using pictures
 Teaching vocabulary;
 CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning);
 Increasing motivation;
 Learner autonomy;
 Co-operative learning;
 Using authentic materials;
 Correction and feedback strategies;
 Textbooks for young learners;
 Using technology.

A wide range of ready-made teaching materials will be provided and created on the course.

2. **English Language Training** including Listening and Speaking Skills, Pronunciation and Intonation, Grammar Review, Vocabulary and Language for the primary classroom and storytelling (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 & 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

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 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).

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

Self-catering accommodation in a university residence 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:

- Gained a wide variety of new ideas, skills and materials for teaching English to young learners
- Updated their knowledge of the English Language, life in Ireland and the Education System
- 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:

Throughout 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 OF ENGLISH AT PRIMARY LEVEL

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DUBLIN

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- Workshop on Teaching English 1300 as a Foreign Language at Primary Level	1400- Workshop on Teaching English 1700 as a Foreign Language at Primary Level	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
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FRIDAY	0930- Workshop on Teaching English 1300 as a Foreign Language at Primary Level	1400- Workshop on Teaching English 1700 as a Foreign Language at Primary Level	
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 Lives 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	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
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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