

1 & 2 WEEK COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

AT PRE-PRIMARY LEVEL (Ages 3-7)

Dublin, Ireland

SUNDAY 16 JULY – SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course aims to provide teachers of English at pre-primary level with:

- a range of new ideas, practical classroom skills and materials for teaching English to very young learners
- an opportunity to improve their own language skills and to acquire language for the classroom
- an insight into Nursery and Infant School Education in Ireland
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
- information on Young Children's Lives in Ireland



COURSE CONTENT:

1. Workshops on Teaching English as a Foreign Language at Pre-Primary Level – (ages 3-7)

conducted by expert teacher trainers with many years of experience in training European teachers of English and a wealth of exciting ideas to impart.

Plenty of practical ideas will be demonstrated and considered and teachers will be encouraged to participate. Many aspects will be covered including: TPR (Total Physical Response) Activities; games; songs; rhymes and chants; storytelling activities; drawing and craft activities; using pictures; using puppets; C.L.I.L. (Content and Language Integrated Learning).

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

2. The Education System:

- Lecture on the Irish Education System
- Talk and discussion with an Irish primary school teacher– a typical school day in an Irish infant 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 (2-week courses only)

3. **English Language Training** including language for the pre-primary classroom (2-week courses only)
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.



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. 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:

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 very 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:

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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TUESDAY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language to Very Young Learners (ages 3-7)	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language to Very Young Learners (ages 3-7)	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish Folk Music
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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	0900- Lecture on Irish History, Culture 1200 and Traditions	1430- Visit Chester Beatty Library 1630	
TUESDAY	0900- Talk and discussion with an Irish 1230 primary school teacher – a typical day in an Irish infant school curriculum, Irish language-medium schools, inclusion, 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	1400- Visit National Museum: Archaeology 1600	
WEDNESDAY	0900- English Language Training 1200	1300- English Language Training 1600	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	0900- English Language Training 1200	1300- English Language Training 1600 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
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