

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING & 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS FOR LEARNING

1 & 2 WEEK COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AT SECONDARY LEVEL & ABOVE

Dublin, Ireland 2023

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

These courses are designed for teachers of English to revisit and explore the principles and practices involved in 21<sup>st</sup> century language learning and teaching pedagogy and methodologies.

Our courses encourage participants to develop their understanding and awareness of contemporary written and spoken English, including English as an international language of communication.

There are opportunities for participants to learn more about the Irish Education System and develop professional connections and professional interchange with other European language teachers.



### COURSE CONTENT:

#### 1. Practical Workshops on Language Teaching & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills for Learning English

**Creative Activities & Motivating Tasks** for secondary school students (aged 11-19) and for adult learners.

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

The workshops will explore a wide range of teaching ideas and activities designed to challenge and motivate students and make language lessons more enjoyable and worthwhile. Some or all of the following will be included:

- a variety of motivating activities which engage students' imaginations and creativity - innovative role play and drama activities, use of multimedia, poetry, stories, writing and songs
- using technology
- inclusive language teaching & mixed ability classes
- Learner styles and learner training – strategies for differentiation
- dealing with large classes
- designing motivating learning tasks for in and out of class learning
- maintaining teacher and student motivation
- the changing role of the teacher
- teaching & learning collaboratively
- cross-curricular projects
- developing the four skills – integrated task design
- grammar & lexical chunking
- evaluation and assessment for learning
- rethinking feedback, marking and correction
- issues in language learning
- English Language change
- relevance of World Englishes and ELF (English as a Lingua Franca) to the language classroom

Teachers will be encouraged to share their own ideas and experiences and to participate in and reflect on learning and tasks designed for secondary and adult language learners. Motivating materials ready to use in the classroom will be provided.

2. **The Education System:**
  - **Lecture on the Irish Education System**
  - **Visit to a secondary school** with an opportunity to observe lessons (2-week term-time courses only).
3. **Advanced Language Practice** giving teachers the opportunity to polish their own English language skills (2-week courses only)
4. **Lecture on Irish History, Culture & Traditions** (2-week courses only)
5. **Workshop on Modern Irish Theatre** (2-week courses only)
6. **Tour of MoLI** (Museum of Literature Ireland) (2-week courses only)
7. **Cultural visit** to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & lakes (2-week courses only)
8. **Tour of 14 Henrietta Street:** Social History Museum of Dublin Life (2-week courses only)
9. A guided walking tour of Dublin and cultural visits to National Museum: Archaeology, National Museum: History and 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 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 at secondary level and above
- 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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**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY			Arrive Dublin
MONDAY	0930- Welcome & Introduction 1015  1030- Lecture on the Irish Education 1230 System	1400- Guided Walking Tour of Dublin 1700	
TUESDAY	0930- Workshop on Teaching English 1300 as a Foreign Language	1400- Workshop on Teaching English 1700 as a Foreign Language	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 Museum: Archaeology, National Botanic Gardens, Chester Beatty Museum or IMMA (Irish Museum of Modern Art)		
SUNDAY	Free for individual research or optional visits eg. Book of Kells at Trinity College, James Joyce Tower & Museum at Sandycove or Howth & Howth Head (east coast)		
MONDAY	1000- Lecture on Irish History, Culture & 1300 Traditions	1400- Visit Seamus Heaney & W B Yeats 1700 Exhibitions at the National Library of Ireland	
TUESDAY	0930- Advanced Language Practice and New 1200 Developments in the English Language	1300- Tour of MoLI (Museum of Literature 1500 Ireland)	
WEDNESDAY	1000- Visit to a Secondary School. 1500 Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers (in term-time) or Visit EPIC: The Irish Emigration Museum		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- Workshop on Modern Irish Theatre 1330	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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