

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING WITH DIGITAL TOOLS AND AI

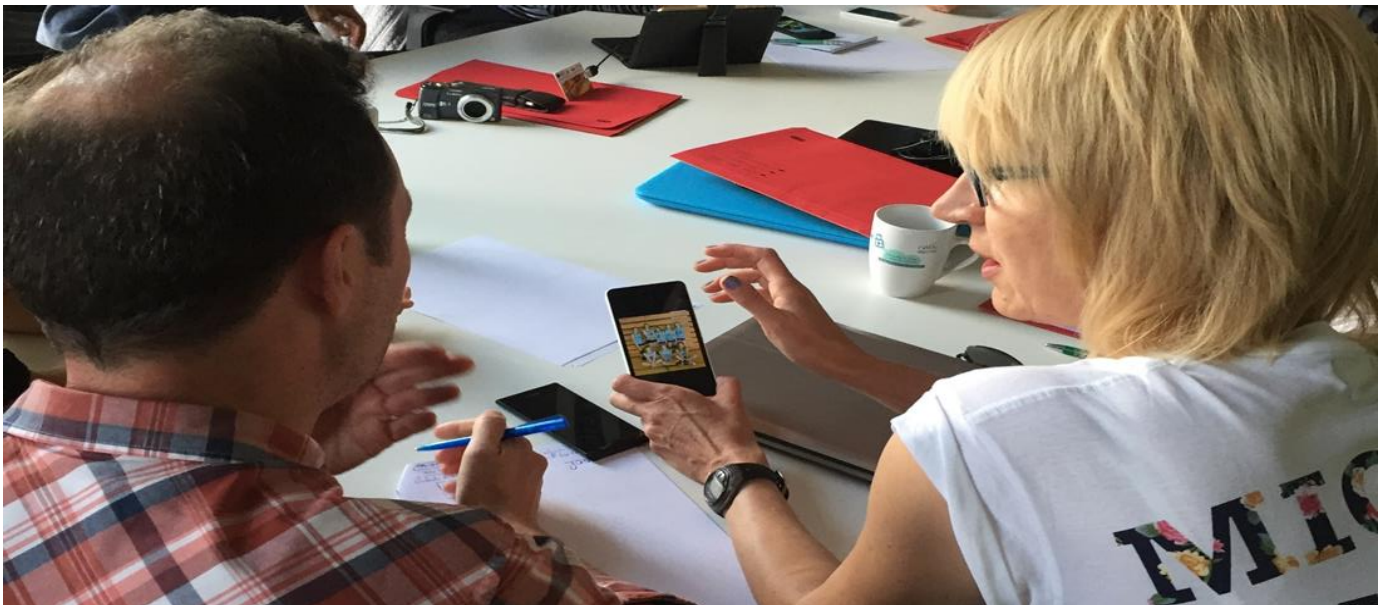
1 & 2 WEEK COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

Dublin, Ireland 2024

Ireland, the EU country where English is the native language, is the ideal location for professional development courses for teachers of English.

Step into the future of English language education, where the dynamic synergy of AI technology and innovative pedagogy transforms the way educators teach.

This course offers participants the opportunity to explore a fusion of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and an array of digital tools, with a particular focus on ChatGPT, to revolutionise content creation, save valuable teaching time, enhance accessibility, optimise assessment processes, and unlock the potential of Flippity tools. Moreover, you will discover how to integrate AI-generated content into Book Creator, a critical skill for curriculum design.



COURSE OBJECTIVES:

In this course, participants will:

- Discover how AI seamlessly integrates with a variety of digital tools, including ChatGPT, to elevate teaching methods
- Master ChatGPT's capabilities in content generation to streamline the creation of engaging materials and resources
- Learn how to empower students as independent learners by leveraging AI-driven tools that promote self-guided exploration
- Explore innovative approaches to infuse creativity into teaching, harnessing AI's personalization capabilities
- Enhance their English language skills
- Have the opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from different European countries

COURSE CONTENT:

1. Workshops on Maximising Digital Tools and AI for English Language Teaching will include:

Elevating Language Skills with AI-Driven Tools and Enhancing Accessibility:

- Dive into AI-driven language resources that enhance listening and speaking skills
- Cultivate creativity through interactive multimedia components
- Foster a learner-centric atmosphere with AI and ChatGPT support
- Highlight accessibility through features such as screen readers, closed captions, and dictation

Transformative Teaching with AI-Powered Tools and AI-Enhanced eBooks:

- Harness AI-infused resources to elevate listening and speaking proficiency
- Craft captivating lessons using interactive multimedia
- Promote active engagement through AI-enhanced strategies
- Explore the creation of AI-enhanced eBooks with Book Creator

Streamlining Assessment with ChatGPT and Flippity Tools:

- Discover the art of efficiency as ChatGPT expedites content creation for spreadsheet templates
- Customise templates for popular assessment tools such as Quizizz, Blooket, and Socrative, saving teachers valuable time
- Optimise assessment processes through AI-enhanced insights
- Explore the versatility of Flippity tools for engaging assessments and activities

Creative Curriculum Design with AI, Digital Tools, and Book Creator:

- Develop multimedia-rich learning materials for enhanced comprehension
- Create interactive, AI-driven lesson plans that captivate and inspire learners
- Showcase pedagogical innovations that emphasise time-saving, accessibility, and enhancing the English language education experience
- Utilise Book Creator to craft lesson plans and how-to guides based on tools explored throughout the course, incorporating AI-generated content

Methodology:

- Workshops are delivered by experts in digital education with many years' experience of English language teaching and training EU-funded teachers
- Practical, hands-on workshops are tailored to participants' specific needs
- Through a learning-by-doing approach, participants will develop concrete digital skills to use in their classrooms
- Collaborative learning to encourage knowledge sharing among language educators
- Ongoing feedback and guidance from trainer to enhance teaching with digital tools and AI
- Reflection activities to promote critical thinking about teaching practices and innovation

Learning Outcomes:

Participants will

- share their AI and ChatGPT-assisted creations on a collaborative platform, where their accomplishments and the boundless potential of technology in reshaping English language teaching with a focus on assessment, accessibility, efficiency, productivity, versatile tools like Flippity, and AI-enhanced eBooks take centre stage.
- join in this transformative quest to harness the power of AI, with an emphasis on ChatGPT, digital tools, accessibility features, assessment optimization, versatile assessments, and AI-Enhanced eBooks, inspiring, engaging, and elevating the English language education experience for educators and learners alike.
- unleash teaching potential with the fusion of technology, ChatGPT, digital tools, pedagogy, and innovative content creation.

As you will be working with online resources and making digital materials, you will need to bring a laptop or tablet, a smartphone and headphones

2. **Lecture on the Irish Education System**
3. **Visit to a school with an opportunity to observe lessons** (2-week term-time courses only)
4. **Lecture on Irish History, Culture & Traditions** (2-week courses only)
5. **Advanced English Language Practice and New Developments in the English Language** (2-week courses only)
6. **Workshop on Modern Irish Theatre or James Joyce** (2-week courses only)
7. **Overview of Irish Literature** at MoLI (Museum of Literature Ireland) (2-week courses only)
8. **Social History of Dublin Life at 14 Henrietta Street:** (2-week courses only)
9. Cultural visit to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site and lakes (2-week courses only)
10. A guided walking tour of Dublin and cultural visits to National Museum: Archaeology, National Museum: History & Decorative Arts and Chester Beatty (World Art Museum)

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.



2024 DATES:

1-week courses

Spring

Sunday 10 March – Sunday 17 March

Sunday 7 April – Sunday 14 April

Sunday 5 May – Sunday 12 May

Summer

Sunday 30 June – Sunday 7 July

Sunday 28 July – Sunday 4 August

Sunday 25 August – Sunday 1 September

Autumn

Sunday 13 October – Sunday 20 October

Sunday 10 November – Sunday 17 November

2-week courses

Spring

Sunday 10 March – Saturday 23 March

Sunday 7 April – Saturday 20 April

Sunday 5 May – Saturday 18 May

Summer

Sunday 30 June – Saturday 13 July

Sunday 28 July – Saturday 10 August

Sunday 25 August – Saturday 7 September

Autumn

Sunday 13 October – Saturday 26 October

Sunday 10 November – Saturday 23 November

TOTAL PRICE:

1 Week: €1,447

2 Weeks: €2,195

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 between 16 June and 18 August:

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

Total fee: 1 week course + 7 nights self-catering accommodation: €1,479

Total fee: 2 week course + 13 nights self-catering accommodation: €2,239

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 title, location, dates, content, learning outcomes and number of hours) will be provided and Erasmus+ documentation will be validated.

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SUNDAY			Arrive Dublin
MONDAY	0930- Welcome & Introduction 1015 1030- Lecture on the Irish Education 1230 System	1400- Guided Walking Tour of Dublin 1630	
TUESDAY	0930- Workshop: Maximising Digital Tools 1300 and AI for English Language Teaching	1400- Workshop: Maximising Digital Tools 1700 and AI for English Language Teaching	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 or National Botanic Gardens, Chester Beatty (World Art Museum)		
SUNDAY	Free for individual research or optional visits eg. Book of Kells at Trinity College, Howth & Howth Head (east coast) or James Joyce Tower & Museum at Sandycove		
MONDAY	0900- Visit to a School. 1500 Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers (in term-time) or Workshops		
TUESDAY	0930- Advanced Language Practice 1300	1400- Overview of Irish Literature 1700 at MoLI (Museum of Literature Ireland)	
WEDNESDAY	0930- Lecture on Irish History, Culture & 1230 Traditions	1400- Introduction to Seamus Heaney 1630 at The National Library of Ireland	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 or James Joyce	1445- Social History of Dublin Life 1615 at 14 Henrietta Street 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
SATURDAY	Depart Dublin		

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