

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

1 WEEK COURSES FOR EUROPEAN EDUCATORS (Primary and Secondary Level)

DUBLIN, IRELAND

SUNDAY 5 MAY – SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024
SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course provides educators with:

- practical skills, teaching ideas and materials for Environmental Education
- consideration of sustainable practices in school management
- an opportunity to visit an Irish school and to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from Ireland and other European countries

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Lecture: The Irish Education System**
2. **Lecture & Discussion on Citizenship Education in Irish Schools:** Curriculum and Active Citizenship and Green Schools Projects with a teacher of CSPE (Civic, Social & Political Education) and draw comparisons with Citizenship Education in the different countries represented on the course
3. **Workshop on Global Citizenship and Education for Climate Action:** Teaching Ideas for Environmental Education and Active Citizenship by EcoUnesco.
4. **Tour of The Rediscovery Centre** (The National Centre for the Circular Economy)
Workshop on Environmental Education and Sustainability (Teaching Ideas and Activities)
5. **Day visit to a primary or secondary school.** Observe classes
 Discussion with teachers on Green Schools projects (Litter & Waste, Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity, the Marine Environment) and on sustainable practices in school management (reducing waste & recycling, litter action, sustainable energy management, sustainable travel planning)
6. **Lecture on Irish History, Culture and Traditions**
7. Visit National Botanic Gardens.
 Introduction to their work with primary & secondary schools. Visit the Education Garden. Biodiversity tour of native and exotic plants
8. 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.



TOTAL PRICE: €1,447

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 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.

Additional nights with host families can be arranged, giving participants extra time for individual research and visits. Accommodation can be provided for family members (but not unaccompanied children) subject to availability. (Rates on request).

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.

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, learning outcomes 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 1630	
TUESDAY	0945- Tour of The Rediscovery Centre (The National Centre for the Circular Economy) 1515 Workshops on Environmental Education and Sustainability (Teaching ideas and activities)		Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
WEDNESDAY	0930- Visit National Botanic Gardens and 1300 Introduction to their work with Primary & secondary schools Visit the Education Garden Biodiversity tour of native and exotic plants	1430- Lecture & Discussion on Citizenship 1730 Education in Irish Schools: Curriculum and Active Citizenship and Green Schools Projects with a teacher of CSPE (Civic, Social & Political Education)	
THURSDAY	0900- Visit to a primary or secondary school 1500 Observe classes. Discussion with teachers on Green Schools Projects (Energy, Water, Travel, Litter & Waste, Biodiversity, The Marine Environment) and on sustainable practices in school management (reducing waste & recycling, litter action, sustainable energy management, sustainable travel planning)		
FRIDAY	0930- Workshop on Global Citizenship and 1230 Education for Climate Action Teaching Ideas for Environmental Education and Active Citizenship by EcoUnesco	1400- Lecture on Irish History, Culture 1700 and Traditions 1700- Evaluation Session 1800	
SATURDAY	1000- Cultural visits in Dublin: National Museum: Archaeology, Chester Beatty (World Art 1700 Museum) or National Museum: Natural History		
SUNDAY	Depart Dublin		

