

2 WEEK COURSE FOR TEACHERS IN VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

DUBLIN, IRELAND

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER – SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2024

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course aims to give participants the opportunity to:

- Compare vocational training in Ireland with their own countries
- Improve their command of English as lingua franca in their specialist field
- Gain new teaching skills and ideas
- Exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries



COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Lecture on the Irish Education System**
2. **Lecture on vocational training in Ireland**, vocational qualifications and job opportunities for young people
3. **Visit a school or college** which offers vocational training with an opportunity to observe relevant classes, discuss with staff and students and draw comparisons with participants' own countries
4. **Visit a Youthreach Centre**. Presentation on Youthreach Centres which provide education in an informal setting with focus on preparation for the world of work (training and work experience) for early school leavers without any qualifications or vocational training aged 15-20.
5. **Workshop on Using Technology to Enhance Learning**
6. **English Language Training**
7. **Workshop on English** for Vocational Purposes
8. **Visit to a hotel and restaurant** with tour and talk by manager on hotel management and the training of new employees
9. **Cultural visit** to Wicklow Mountains National Park & Glendalough monastic site and lakes
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.



TOTAL PRICE: €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 local colleges. 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): 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.

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 27 OCTOBER			Arrive Dublin
MONDAY 28 OCTOBER	0930- Welcome & Introduction 1015 1030- Lecture on the Irish Education 1230 System	1400- Guided Walking Tour of Dublin 1630	
TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER	0930- Workshop on Using Technology 1300 to Enhance Learning	1400- Workshop on Using Technology 1700 to Enhance Learning	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER	0930- Workshop on Using Technology 1300 to Enhance Learning	1400- Workshop on Using Technology 1700 to Enhance Learning	
THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER	0930- English Language Training 1230	1330- English Language Training 1630	
FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER	0930- Workshop on English 1300 for Vocational Purposes	1400- Workshop on English 1700 for Vocational Purposes	
SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER	1000- Cultural visits in Dublin: National Museum: History & Decorative Arts, National 1700 Museum: Archaeology National Botanic Gardens or Chester Beatty (World Art Museum)		
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER	Free for individual research or optional visits eg. Book of Kells at Trinity College, or Howth & Howth Head (east coast)		
MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER	0930- English Language Training 1230	1330- English Language Training 1630	
TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER	0900- Visit a school or college which offers vocational training 1500 Lecture & discussion: Vocational Training in Ireland and Vocational Qualifications & Job Opportunities for Young People		
WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER	0930- Visit a Youthreach Centre 1500 Presentation on Youthreach Centres which provide education in an informal setting with focus on preparation for the world of work (training and work experience) for early school leavers without any qualifications or vocational training aged 15-20		
THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER	1015- Cultural visit to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & 1700 lakes		
FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER	1000- Visit a hotel and restaurant 1230 with tour and talk by manager on hotel management and the training of new employees	1400- Lecture on Irish History, Culture 1700 & Traditions 1700- Evaluation Session 1800	
SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER	Depart Dublin		