

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY EVALUATION & ENHANCEMENT

IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

1 WEEK COURSE FOR HEADTEACHERS, TEACHERS, INSPECTORS & OTHER EDUCATORS

DUBLIN, IRELAND

SUNDAY 10 MARCH - SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER - SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course aims to provide:

- an insight into Primary and Secondary School Education in Ireland focussing on School Leadership, School Development, Innovation and Quality Evaluation
- an opportunity for educators of different European nationalities to exchange experiences



COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Lecture: The Irish Education System**
2. **Day visit to a Primary School (ages 4-12)**
Presentation and discussion with the Headteacher focusing on school leadership, management, school development, quality evaluation & enhancement. Tour of school & observe lessons.
3. **Day visit to a Secondary School (ages 12-18)**
Presentation & discussion with the principal on School Leadership, School Development Strategies & Quality Evaluation & Enhancement, school management, the curriculum, Transition Year, assessment & examinations, school inspections, the roles of the Department of Education, The Education & Training Inspectorate and the National Council for Curriculum & Assessment
Tour of school & observe lessons
4. **Presentation on Bridge 21: Teaching for Tomorrow at Trinity College**
5. **Workshop: Innovative Teaching Ideas: Pedagogic Strategies Exchange**
6. 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 comprising:

(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.

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. 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 and introduction 1015 1030- Lecture: The Irish Education System 1230	1400- Guided walking tour of Dublin 1630	
TUESDAY	0900- Day visit to a Secondary School (ages 12-18). 1400 Presentation & discussion with the principal on school leadership, school development strategies & quality evaluation & enhancement, school management, the curriculum, Transition Year, assessment & examinations, school inspections the roles of the Department of Education, The Education & Training Inspectorate and the National Council for Curriculum & Assessment Tour of school & observe lessons		Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
WEDNESDAY	0930- Presentation on Bridge 21: 1230 Teaching for Tomorrow at Trinity College	1400- Bridge 21: Teaching for Tomorrow 1700 Workshop	
THURSDAY	0900- Day visit to a Primary School (ages 4-12) 1400 Presentation & discussion with the Headteacher on school leadership, management, school development, quality evaluation & enhancement Tour of school & observe lessons		
FRIDAY	0930- Workshop: Innovative Teaching Ideas: 1300 Pedagogic Strategies Exchange	1400- Workshop: Innovative Teaching Ideas: 1700 Pedagogic Strategies Exchange 1700- Evaluation Session 1800	
SATURDAY	1000- Cultural visits in Dublin: National Museum: History & Decorative Arts, 1700 National Museum: Archaeology, National Botanic Gardens or Chester Beatty (World Art Museum)		
SUNDAY	Depart Dublin		