

INNOVATION IN SCHOOL EDUCATION

1 & 2 WEEK COURSE FOR HEADTEACHERS, TEACHERS, INSPECTORS & OTHER EDUCATORS

DUBLIN, IRELAND: 2025

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course will explore a variety of innovative approaches to teaching and learning in primary and secondary schools. Participants will gain a range of practical teaching ideas and will have the opportunity to evaluate innovative methods and ideas and to consider their relevance for their own schools.

COURSE CONTENT:

- 1. Lecture and Discussion on the Irish Education System**
- 2. Workshop: Empowering Educators with AI and ChatGPT**
- 3. Visit an Educate Together Secondary School** (ages 12-18). (2-week term-time courses only)
Lecture and discussion with the Headteacher on 21st century learning in the school including digital learning, project-based learning, phenomenon-based learning, problem-solving. Introduction to Creative Schools
or
Workshops on Gamification and Game-Based Learning
- 4. Visit a Changemakers Primary School** (2-week term-time courses only)
Presentation on the Changemakers Schools Network and on learning in the school
or
Tour of The Rediscovery Centre (The National Centre for the Circular Economy) and Workshops on Teaching Ideas for Environmental Education and Sustainability
- 5. Workshop: Innovative Teaching Ideas: Pedagogic Strategies Exchange**
- 6. Workshops: Innovative Teaching with Integrated Technology for Creativity**
- 7. Workshop on Project-Based Learning**
- 8. Visit a Youthreach Centre** which provides education in an informal setting with focus on preparation for the world of work for early school leavers, secondary age pupils with learning difficulties and behavioural problems and refugees (2-week term-time courses only).
- 9. Lecture on Irish History, Culture and Traditions** (2-week courses only)
- 10. Cultural visit to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & lakes** (2-week courses only)
- 11. A guided walking tour of Dublin and cultural visits to National Museum: Archaeology, National Museum: History and 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.



2025 DATES:

1-week courses

Spring

Sunday 2 February – Sunday 9 February

Sunday 23 February – Sunday 2 March

Sunday 9 March – Sunday 16 March

Sunday 23 March – Sunday 30 March

Sunday 6 April – Sunday 13 April

Sunday 20 April – Sunday 27 April

Sunday 11 May – Sunday 18 May

Summer

Sunday 29 June – Sunday 6 July

Sunday 13 July – Sunday 20 July

Sunday 27 July – Sunday 3 August

Sunday 10 August – Sunday 17 August

Sunday 24 August – Sunday 31 August

Autumn

Sunday 28 September – Sunday 5 October

Sunday 12 October – Sunday 19 October

Sunday 26 October – Sunday 2 November

Sunday 9 November – Sunday 16 November

2-week courses

Spring

Sunday 2 February – Saturday 15 February

Sunday 9 March – Saturday 22 March

Sunday 23 March – Saturday 5 April

Sunday 6 April – Saturday 19 April

Sunday 20 April – Saturday 3 May

Sunday 11 May – Saturday 24 May

Summer

Sunday 29 June – Saturday 12 July

Sunday 13 July – Saturday 26 July

Sunday 27 July – Saturday 9 August

Sunday 10 August – Saturday 23 August

Sunday 24 August – Saturday 6 September

Autumn

Sunday 28 September – Saturday 11 October

Sunday 12 October – Saturday 25 October

Sunday 26 October – Saturday 8 November

Sunday 9 November – Saturday 22 November



2025 PRICES:

	COURSE ONLY	COURSE WITH FULL BOARD HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION	COURSE WITH SELF-CATERING RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION
1 Week	€895	€1,447	€1,479
2 Weeks	€1,395	€2,195	€2,239

The price includes:

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.

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).

RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION to include:

Self-catering accommodation in a university residence in a central location - single bedroom with ensuite shower / wc;
no meals provided (inclusive of registration fee): 7 or 13 nights

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.

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 & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY			Arrive Dublin
MONDAY	0930- Welcome and Introduction 1015 1030- Lecture: The Irish Education System 1330	1430- Guided walking tour of Dublin 1730	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
TUESDAY	0930- Workshop: Empowering Educators 1300 with AI and ChatGPT	1400- Workshop: Empowering Educators 1700 with AI and ChatGPT	Optional Irish Dancing
WEDNESDAY	0930- Workshop: Innovative Teaching Ideas: 1300 Pedagogic Strategies Exchange	1400- Workshop: Innovative Teaching Ideas: 1700 Pedagogic Strategies Exchange	
THURSDAY	0930- Workshop: Innovative Teaching with 1330 Integrated Technology for Creativity	1400- Workshop: Innovative Teaching with 1700 Integrated Technology for Creativity	Optional visit to an Art Gallery / Museum
FRIDAY	0930- Workshop on Project-Based Learning 1230	1400- Lecture on Irish History, Culture and 1700 Traditions	
SATURDAY	1000- Cultural visits to National Museum: History & Decorative Arts and National Botanic 1700 Gardens		
SUNDAY	Free for individual research or optional visits eg. Book of Kells at Trinity College, or Howth & Howth Head (east coast)		
MONDAY	1000- Cultural visit to Glendalough Monastic site & lakes In Wicklow Mountains National Park 1700		
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SATURDAY	Depart Dublin		

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