

ONE WEEK COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF MUSIC**GALWAY, IRELAND****SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2024****COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The course aims to provide teachers of music and music advisors with:

- an insight into the teaching of Music in Ireland (primary and secondary level)
- an opportunity to compare the teaching of Music in different European countries, to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
- new ideas for teaching music
- an introduction to traditional Irish folk music

**COURSE CONTENT:**

1. **Lecture and Discussion on the Teaching of Music** in Irish primary and secondary schools and comparison of the teaching of Music in the different countries represented – national education policies, curriculum, materials, methods, standards, assessment, extra-curricular activities, teaching musical instruments, orchestras, choirs, etc.
2. **Workshops on ideas for teaching music:** New Ideas, Activities & Methods to Motivate and Inspire Pupils in School Music Lessons and Ideas & Materials for Teaching Irish Music
3. **Visit to a primary school** – observe music lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers
4. **Visit to a secondary school** – observe music lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers
5. **Observe a primary & secondary school children's choir rehearsal**
6. **Introduction to Irish culture and traditional Folk Music**
7. **Bodhran (Irish drum) workshop**
8. Visit pubs with Traditional Irish Folk Music
9. Observe a traditional Irish dance class
10. Cultural visit to Burren National Park and Cliffs of Moher

LOCATION:

GALWAY, Ireland: Population: 80,000; 200 kilometres west of Dublin.

Galway is a lively harbour city on Ireland's west coast. The winding lanes of the Latin Quarter are the heart of the historical and cultural area of the city, with street entertainment and interesting shops. The city's seaside area, Salthill, has a fine beach overlooking Galway Bay.

Galway is a hub for live Traditional Irish Folk Music – in pubs and on the streets (fiddles, accordions, concertinas, flutes, tin whistles, harps, bodhran).



TOTAL PRICE: €1,496

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 transport to schools. 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 8 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 of the 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. Local transport from host families to the city centre and local schools is likely to cost €15-30 per week.

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.

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.

TRAVEL:

Participants are responsible for arranging their travel to and from Ireland. There are direct buses from Dublin Airport to Galway.

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 Galway
MONDAY	0930 Welcome and introduction 1045- Walking tour of Galway 1215	1400- Workshop: Ideas for Teaching Music 1600 with an Irish Music Teacher	1715- Observe a primary 1845 & secondary school children's choir rehearsal
TUESDAY	0930- Introduction to Irish Culture & 1230 Traditional Folk Music	1400- Lecture & Discussion on Music 1700 Education in Ireland and draw comparisons with participants' own countries Workshop: Ideas & Materials for Teaching Irish Music in Schools	1730- Bodhran (traditional 1900 Irish drum workshop)
WEDNESDAY	0900- Visit a primary school 1400 Observe Music lessons	1530- Observe a traditional Irish dance class 1630	1900- Visit pubs with 2100 traditional Irish Folk Music
THURSDAY	0900- Day visit to a secondary school. 1500 Observe music lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		1900- Visit pubs with 2100 traditional Irish Folk Music
FRIDAY	0930- Workshop: New Ideas, Activities 1230 & Methods to Motivate and Inspire Pupils in School Music Lessons Opportunity for course participants to exchange teaching ideas	1400- Evaluation Session 1500 1500- Opportunity to visit Galway City 1600 Museum	
SATURDAY	0900- Cultural visit to Burren National Park and Cliffs of Moher 1800		
SUNDAY	Depart Galway		

