

CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning):

PRACTICAL METHODOLOGY FOR PRE-PRIMARY TEACHERS (Ages 3-7)

1 & 2 WEEK COURSES

Dublin, Ireland

SUNDAY 12 JULY – SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026

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Ireland, the EU country where English is the native language, is the ideal location for CLIL professional development courses.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course aims to provide pre-primary teachers with:

- examples of good practice in CLIL
- a greater understanding of the potential of CLIL Methodology for Very Young Learners
- a range of new ideas and practical classroom skills
- an opportunity to create materials to be used in class
- an opportunity to improve their own language skills
- an insight into Infant School Education in Ireland
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries



COURSE CONTENT:

The course will include all or most of the following (subject to availability):

1. **Workshops on CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) at Pre-Primary Level** (ages 3-7) conducted by expert teacher trainers with many years of experience in training European teachers of English and a wealth of inspiring ideas to impart. Participants will be asked to reflect upon essential strategies which can help young learners to deal with content and language at the same time. Participants will be involved in producing classroom-ready units of work covering a variety of topics included in the curriculum of pre-primary schools. The emphasis will be on preparing inclusive materials which allow all young learners to be involved in the tasks at the same time as developing a range of cognitive, social and technical skills.

CLIL Topics explored on the course will include:

- **Routines** (calling the register, birthdays, weather, seasons, rules, greetings, school building & objects, games, etc)
- **Healthy living** (personal hygiene, food, setting the table, etc)
- **The Five Senses** (experiments and activities involving sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch)
- **Playing with Art** (colours, shapes, feelings, creativity)
- **Animals** (pets, farm and wild animals)

2. The Education System:

- Lecture on the Irish Education System
- Talk and discussion with an Irish primary school teacher - a typical school day in Irish classes (ages 4-6), curriculum, Irish language-medium schools, inclusion, Green schools, Active schools etc and Aspects of children's lives in Ireland: family life, homes, food, celebrations, customs, games, music, television, social media, literature, fashion hobbies, pets (2-week courses only)

3. English Language Training including language for the pre-primary classroom

4. Lecture on Irish History, Culture & Traditions (2-week courses only)

5. Visit National Botanic Gardens

Introduction to their work with primary schools. Visit the Education Garden. Biodiversity tour of native and exotic plants

6. Social History of Dublin Life at 14 Henrietta Street (2-week courses only)

7. Cultural visit to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & lakes (2-week courses only)

8. A guided walking tour of Dublin and cultural visits to National Museum: Archaeology, National Museum: History and Decorative Arts and National Gallery of Ireland



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.



2026 PRICES:

	COURSE ONLY	COURSE WITH FULL BOARD HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION	COURSE WITH SELF-CATERING RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION
1 Week	€895	€1,495	€1,525
2 Weeks	€1,492	€2,295	€2,339

Please enquire for discounts for groups of teachers

The price includes:

COURSE FEE to include:

Full programme of study sessions and visits.

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 or train ride from the city centre/tuition centre. A Visitor Leap travelcard for Dublin public transport currently costs €24 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 (*available June, July, August only*) 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 3 months before the course begins or within 2 weeks after receipt of our invoice for late applicants.
- Teachers awaiting funding may pay as soon as the grant is received, but if this is less than 5 weeks before the course begins, a small non-refundable deposit will be required. Please contact us if you are waiting for your funding.
- 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.

OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course participants will have:

- Gained a wide variety of new ideas, skills and materials for Content and Language Integrated Learning for very young learners
- Updated their knowledge of the English Language, life in Ireland and the Education System
- Established links with other teachers from different European countries

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.

HOURS:

1-week course 25 hours 2-week course 50 hours

CERTIFICATE & ERASMUS+ VALIDATION:

A certificate of attendance (stating course title, location, dates, content, learning outcomes and number of hours) will be provided and Erasmus+ documentation will be validated.

REGISTRATION:

To reserve a place on a course, please complete the Registration Form which can be found on our website. [Contact Us](#)

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SUNDAY			Arrive Dublin
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TUESDAY	0930- Workshop on CLIL for 1300 Very Young Learners (ages 3-7)	1400- Workshop on CLIL for 1700 Very Young Learners (ages 3-7)	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish Folk Music
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SATURDAY	1000- Individual Project Work or self-guided cultural visits in Dublin: National Museum: History 1700 & Decorative Arts and National Museum: Archaeology		
SUNDAY	Free for individual research or optional visits eg. Book of Kells at Trinity College or Howth & Howth Head (east coast)		
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TUESDAY	0900- Talk and discussion with an Irish 1230 primary school teacher: a typical day in Irish infant classes, curriculum, Irish language-medium schools, inclusion, Green Schools, Active Schools, etc and Aspects of Children's Lives in Ireland: family life, home, food, celebrations, customs, games, music, television, social media, literature, fashion, hobbies, pets	1330- English Language Training 1630	
WEDNESDAY	0930- English Language Training 1230	1330- English Language Training 1630	Optional visit to an Art Gallery / Museum
THURSDAY	0800- Study visit to Kilkenny and Wicklow Mountains National Park: a sheep farm and 1800 Glendalough monastic site		
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