

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING IN AN INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM

1 & 2 Week Courses for European Teachers of English at Secondary Level

Dublin, Ireland 2024

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course is designed to help teachers of English to meet the needs of pupils with a range of abilities within one class and to provide:

- a range of new ideas, practical classroom skills and materials
- an insight into inclusive education in Ireland
- an opportunity to enhance their own language skills
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries

COURSE CONTENT:

1. Practical Methodology Workshops on English Language Teaching in an Inclusive Classroom

conducted by expert teacher trainers with many years of experience in training European teachers of English and a wealth of inspiring ideas to impart.

As more pupils with an increasing range of special needs are included in mainstream classes, heterogeneity has become a greater challenge for teachers.

In many cases teachers are neither trained to be foreign language teachers nor trained to meet the variety of special needs presented on a daily basis.

The workshop will try to offer help to answer the following questions:

What does inclusion mean? And, more importantly, how can we make it work in our classrooms?

Which activities can work across a range of abilities and proficiencies?

How can we meet the needs of all the pupils in large classes?

What are the principles of English Language Teaching and how can we adapt them for inclusive language classes?

How can teachers change their textbook guided teaching without investing too much time and effort to create scaffolded tasks for all pupils?

What does it mean to create competence-oriented tasks?

How can digital technology be used effectively for English Language learning in an inclusive classroom?

In this workshop we will provide background ideas linked to a very wide range of practical work, suitable for many special needs pupils, which can be easily transferred into all levels of everyday school life.

2. Lecture on the Irish Education System

3. Lecture & discussion on Special Needs Education in Ireland and techniques for teaching a variety of special educational needs with a SEN (Special Educational Needs) Coordinator of a Secondary School

4. Day visit to a secondary school with an opportunity to observe lessons for pupils with a wide range of abilities including pupils with special educational needs and specific learning difficulties (2-week term-time courses only)

5. Advanced Language Practice and New Developments in the English Language (2-week courses only)

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

7. Workshop: on Modern Irish Theatre or James Joyce (2-week courses only)

8. Overview of Irish Literature at MoLI (Museum of Literature Ireland) (2-week courses only)

9. Social History of Dublin Life at 14 Henrietta Street

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.



2024 DATES:

1-week courses

Spring

Sunday 10 March – Sunday 17 March

Sunday 7 April – Sunday 14 April

Sunday 5 May – Sunday 12 May

Summer

Sunday 30 June – Sunday 7 July

Sunday 28 July – Sunday 4 August

Sunday 25 August – Sunday 1 September

Autumn

Sunday 13 October – Sunday 20 October

Sunday 10 November – Sunday 17 November

2-week courses

Spring

Sunday 10 March – Saturday 23 March

Sunday 7 April – Saturday 20 April

Sunday 5 May – Saturday 18 May

Summer

Sunday 30 June – Saturday 13 July

Sunday 28 July – Saturday 10 August

Sunday 25 August – Saturday 7 September

Autumn

Sunday 13 October – Saturday 26 October

Sunday 10 November – Saturday 23 November



TOTAL PRICE:

1 Week: €1,447

2 Weeks: €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 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 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).

Alternatively on summer courses (30 July – 12 August):

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

Total fee: 1 week course + 7 nights self-catering accommodation: € 1,479

Total fee: 2 week course + 13 nights self-catering accommodation: € 2,239

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. Suggestions for optional pre-course reading are given.

EVALUATION:

At the end of the course teachers participate in a detailed evaluation of the course.

FOLLOW UP:

Throughout 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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DAY & DATE	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	0930- Workshop on English Language 1300 Teaching in an Inclusive Classroom using Digital Technology	1400- Workshop on English Language 1700 Teaching in an Inclusive Classroom using Digital Technology	Optional evening in a traditional pub with Irish folk music
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SATURDAY	1000- Cultural visits in Dublin: Visit National Museum: Archaeology, National Museum: History & 1700 Decorative Arts, National Botanic Gardens or Chester Beatty (World Art Museum)		
SUNDAY	Free for individual research or optional visits eg. Book of Kells at Trinity college or Howth & Howth Head (east coast)		
MONDAY	1000- Visit to a Secondary School (in term time) 1700 Observe lessons with pupils with a wide range of abilities including pupils with special educational needs & specific learning difficulties or Workshops		
TUESDAY	0930- Advanced Language Practice and New 1230 Developments in English Language	1400- Overview of Irish Literature at MoLI 1630 (Museum of Literature Ireland)	
WEDNESDAY	0930- Lecture on Irish History, Culture & 1230 Traditions	1400- Introduction to Seamus Heaney at the 1600 National Gallery of Ireland	
THURSDAY	1015- Cultural visit to Wicklow Mountains National Park and Glendalough monastic site & 1700 lakes		
FRIDAY	0930- Workshop on Modern Irish Theatre 1330 or James Joyce	1500- Social History of Dublin Life 1615 at 14 Henrietta Street: 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
SATURDAY	Depart Dublin		

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