7-day Course in IRELAND

"Education System and Schools in Ireland"

Dublin (Ireland)

TARGET AUDIENCE - Who is this course for?

This course is designed for **teachers, head teachers, principals and other school staff** who would like to learn about the Irish education system within the context of Irish culture. Although the pedagogic encounters with schools are focused on **Primary**, **Secondary** and **Vocational** levels, other educational sectors may also benefit from the general approach of this course.

Language of communication: **English**

Please note that this course should be included as a 'training course' in your Erasmus+ project.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Our **7-Day Course** is for those who want to learn about Irish education and culture through a combination of pedagogic encounters with schools, seminars, field projects "Contexts4Content", and workshops.

English Matters will select educational institutions related to Primary, Secondary and Vocational school levels. Participants will learn about educational organisation and management of learning and will have the opportunity to share their experience and ideas with colleagues from a variety of schools around Europe. This will support a European Dimension in Education and everyone participating in this experience will receive maximum benefit from it.

The course offers several **key activities**:

1. Pedagogic encounters with schools to learn about educational organisation and management of learning.
2. Seminars and workshops to explore specific aspects of the education system and culture of Ireland.
3. Professional and cultural discussion resulting in a concluding presentation of learning.
4. Field projects "Contexts4Content" to explore places of natural, historical, and cultural significance, as a basis for the development of teaching materials to assist their students in meeting their learning goals and be aware of the socio-cultural richness of Europe.

Objectives:

- Become familiar with relevant aspects of the Irish education system.
- Learn about examples of teaching practices in schools in Ireland.
- Participate in seminars and workshops related to educational and cultural aspects of Irish society.
- Participate in field projects "Contexts4Content" to places of natural, historical, and cultural significance, to support the development of teaching resources.
- Promote a European Dimension in education among participants and schools.

This **7-Day Course in Ireland** will allow you to experience the authenticity of the country and its people from the very moment you step foot in the airport.

Allowing yourself to spend enriching days in full contact with Irish society and culture and combining this with pedagogic encounters with schools, will bring you an in-depth understanding of the Irish education system.

The way in which students are educated can be a window to a deeper vision of a society. This can also lead to reflection on why a society educates its people in a certain way and may encourage you to see your own education system from a refreshed perspective.

This combination of elements will help build a holistic vision of education and culture in Ireland from several enriching perspectives.

A NOTE ON THE IRISH EDUCATION SYSTEM

Education is considered a central pillar in the economic, social, and cultural development of Irish society, in such a way that both authorities and social agents clearly see it as strategically linked to national development. The **Irish education system** has always been highly valued by the public. The primary school curriculum is fully child centered, and the secondary education with its Junior and a Senior Cycles presents a stimulating Transition Year (a year of maturation, without formal exams, where students can enjoy a wide range of educational inputs, including work experience). In terms of achievements in higher education, Ireland has a reputation as one of the best educational systems in the world. Irish students perform in the best sectors in international studies such as PISA assessments, and employers, both national and international, affirm the quality of the professional level of graduates of the Irish education system. An CSO report showed that, in the 25-64 age bracket, over half of Ireland' population has received 3rd level education. Further Education and Vocational Training presents a unique design in Ireland: The Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme, and the Youthreach programs, complete the panorama of a remarkably interesting educational offer in Ireland.

LOCATION OF THE COURSE: Dublin (IRELAND)

Dublin is an old medieval Viking city that displays a fascinating panorama on its streets through a pleasant mix of historic buildings and sites, monuments and street art: Trinity College and the unique Book of Kells, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin's Viking Castle, the remarkable Chester Beatty Library, or the Samuel Becket Bridge, can be discovered at the same time as Sweny's pharmacy (immortalized in Joyce's Ulysses), where a surprising mix of second-hand books and the famous lemon-scented soap can be found together. Today Dublin is the host of tech giants (Google, Facebook, Airbnb, LinkedIn, Tinder) in the revamped Docklands, bringing to life a new development area of the city.

No question that **Dublin** is a warm and welcoming city. Its enjoyable "craic" has attracted visitors for centuries. Traditional music is extremely popular in Ireland and is so easy to find a pub where a band is playing some good drinking music while customers happily join in the chorus. **Dublin** is also a literary city: four Irish writers have won the Nobel Prize for Literature in the last 95 years: W.B. Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, and Seamus Heaney, and a literary interest is fostered with major events throughout the year. The Dublin International Literary Festival brings together the best Irish and international authors (e.g., John Banville, Roddy Doyle, Sebastian Barry, Michael Ondaatje, Rachel Kushner), and the Bloomsday Festival celebrates Joyce's Ulysses on June 16, the day in 1904 that the fictional character Leopold Bloom, takes his famous walk through the city.

DURATION OF THE COURSE

7-day course: **40 hours.**

Our **7-day course**, starting on Sunday and finishing on Saturday, is a very efficient way to implement your mobility by integrating your learning while saving time and expenses. The **40 hours** duration of the course is applied on average considering all training days of the course, for the implementation of the objectives and lessons, in connection with the "Quality standards for courses under Erasmus+ KA1".

CERTIFICATION AWARDED

Certification of learning outcomes in connection with the "Quality standards for courses under Erasmus+ KA1": Europass and Certificate of Attendance which include the name of the participant, description of the course and its learning outcomes, dates, venues, the name of the host organisation and course director.

DATES

7-day Course in Ireland

Location: **Dublin (Ireland)**
Language of communication: **English**
Duration (days): **7 training days in Ireland**

Dates in 2027
28 February – 06 March
7 training days

Note: Dates may be subject to amendment according to school calendar year of the country visited. This change, if necessary, will be informed to participant before the course confirmation.

Reference programme of the 7-day course:

The table below shows the display of our **7-day Course**:

"Education System and Schools" Dublin (Ireland)
7-day Course (from Sunday to Saturday)
Sunday Registration. Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning & Professional Development Field learning "Contexts4Content" approach European Dimension Framework for pedagogic encounters with schools. **Monday** Education System in Ireland. Field learning "Contexts4Content". **Tuesday** Educational Visit to School I: Educational organisation & management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school. **Wednesday** Educational Visit to School II: Educational organisation & management of learning. Field learning "Contexts4Content". **Thursday** Educational Visit to School III: Educational organisation & management of learning. Feedback on educational visit to school. **Friday** Assessment of learning management in Ireland. Field learning "Contexts4Content. **Saturday** Presentation of participants' learning portfolios Final reflection on learning acquired Reflection about Dissemination Strategies Evaluation of the programme

NOTE: These Reference programmes may be subject to amendment. Such amendment, if necessary, would be kept to a minimum, consistent with the quality and balance of the programme.