7-day Course in SWEDEN

Study Visit to Schools in Sweden

Stockholm (Sweden)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

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

Language of communication: **English**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Our **7-Day Course** is for those who want to learn about Swedish 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 and Secondary 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 the world.

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 Sweden.
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 Swedish education system.
- Learn about examples of teaching practices in schools in Sweden.
- Participate in seminars and workshops related to educational and cultural aspects of Swedish society.
- Participate in field learning projects "Contexts4Content" to places of natural, historical, and cultural significance, to support the development of teaching resources.

This **7-Day Course in Sweden** 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 Swedish society and culture, and combining this with pedagogic encounters with schools, will bring you an in-depth understanding of the Swedish education system.

The way in which students are educated can be a window to a deeper vision of 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 Sweden.

A NOTE ON THE SWEDISH EDUCATION SYSTEM

The **Swedish education system** is committed to the purpose of educating young people to become active citizens. You will notice this in the way students work and participate in activities, and how schools foster an interest in democracy and citizenship. This idea has influenced education in Sweden for many years and has produced a system which stands out for its focus on freedom, democracy, diversity, equality, and sustainability, and is based on the idea of making opportunities for success more equitable for students, regardless of gender or socio-cultural background. In the Swedish education system, both the public and private sectors receive the same budget, and students can choose any public or private school at no cost for them. Highly qualified teachers make a difference, and it is generally accepted that the chances of students being successful in school are more equal in Sweden than elsewhere.

LOCATION OF THE COURSE: Stockholm (SWEDEN)

Stockholm is a beautiful city which stands virtually on water (the city is often called the Venice of the North because of its canals). The City of Stockholm is formed by an archipelago comprising 14 islands that connect to the Baltic Sea through Lake Mälaren. The city has a rich history visible in its architecture, museums, Royal Palace and the medieval quarter of Gamla Stan. Bridges connect the different islands of Stockholm, making the city a joy to walk. Stockholm is the cultural, political, and economic capital city of Sweden and the most populated urban area in the country and in all of Scandinavia.

DURATION OF THE COURSE

7-day course: **40 hours, a Sunday to Saturday course.**

CERTIFICATION AWARDED

A Certificate will be awarded and will include the name of the participant, description of the course and its learning outcomes, dates and course hours.

DATES

7-day Course in Sweden

Location: **Stockholm (Sweden)**
Language of communication: **English**
Duration (days): **7 training days in Sweden**

Dates in 2026	Dates in 2027
11 – 17 October Stockholm · 7 training days	11 – 17 April Stockholm · 7 training days
	10 – 16 October Stockholm · 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 participants before the course confirmation.

Programme of the 7-day course:

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

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7-day Course in Sweden (from Sunday to Saturday)
Sunday Registration. Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning & Professional Development Field learning "Contexts4Content" approach Internation Dimension Framework for pedagogic encounters with schools. **Monday** Education System in Sweden. Field learning *"Contexts4Content" - Images of Sweden. Stockholm's Gamla Stan.* **Tuesday** Educational Visit to School I: Educational organization & management of learning. Feedback on the educational visit to school. **Wednesday** Educational Visit to School II: Educational organization & management of learning. Field learning *"Contexts4Content" - Maritime 17th Century Sweden: Vasamuseet.* **Thursday** Educational Visit to School III: Educational organization & management of learning. Feedback on the educational visit to school. **Friday** Assessment of learning management in Sweden. Field learning *"Contexts4Content" – Swedish Cultural Heritage - Uppsala and Sigtuna* **Saturday** Presentation of participants' learning portfolios Final reflection on learning acquired Reflection about Dissemination Strategies Evaluation of the programme.

NOTE: This Programme may be subject to amendment in response to unforeseen or changing circumstances that are out of the reasonable control of the receiving organization.

THE IRISH AMERICAN EDUCATOR INITIATIVE

Culture. Connection. Professional Learning.

The **Irish American Educator Initiative** gives teachers from across the United States the opportunity to learn beyond the classroom, gain meaningful experiences and fresh inspiration, and return home with new perspectives to share with their students. Based in Ireland, our courses connect American educators with Irish history, heritage, literature, art, and culture through engaging learning experiences inspired by Irish writers, artists, educators, and cultural representatives.

Whether you have Irish roots or simply want to discover a new culture, our programmes provide fresh ideas, meaningful connections, and practical inspiration for the classroom. Explore Ireland, deepen your professional knowledge, and bring new stories and perspectives back to your students.

As part of the initiative, teachers also have opportunities to take part in study visits to Finland, Sweden, Iceland, Norway, Estonia, Portugal, and Spain. These visits allow participants to see teachers at work, visit schools, meet local educators, and explore different approaches to teaching and learning.

By sharing ideas across cultures, American teachers can discover fresh perspectives and practical inspiration to bring back to their own classrooms.