7-Day / 10-Day Course

Active Methodologies for Teaching and Learning

Dublin (IRELAND)

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

The course is designed for teachers who feel the need to expand their teaching repertoire and would like to innovate their methodological strategies. Teachers will have the opportunity to analyse approaches, exponents, and examples of innovative relevance, as inspiration for the creation of resources and learning experiences for their students, within an active learning environment.

Language of communication: **English**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce a selection of innovative methodologies for 21st Century teaching and learning, from a practical point of view. For example, Universal Design for Learning, Content and Language Inegrated Learning (CLIL), the use of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Competence Framework, Outdoor and Context-Based Learning, Storytelling, Well-being and Mindfulness, Cooperative Learning Strategies, etc.

Innovations are driven by a desire for excellence and continuous improvement, and the way we teach (our methodology) should provide meaningful and effective learning opportunities for students. Moving on from the sage on the stage towards being the guide on the side, teachers need to create a bridge between established teaching approaches and innovative paths of doing things in a more suitable way for the times we live in. Participants will appreciate how education can be approached from a variety of perspectives to discover new pathways for teaching and learning, during a time of educational change.

Objectives:

- Present a panorama of innovative and effective methodologies for the development of successful learning experiences.
- Help participants to use innovative tools, techniques, and strategies as a supporting part of the foundation of quality learning and teaching processes.
- Assist participants in developing digital skills for implementation of innovative methodologies for teaching.
- Encourage participants to create and adapt didactic materials as a bridge between theory and practice when implementing innovative teaching methodologies.
- Provide opportunities to interact with colleagues of other nationalities and exchange ideas and experiences.

Methodology:

By means of an effective use of training formats (e.g., workshops, group discussion, project-based learning, field projects 'Contexts4Content') you will explore a number of innovative methodologies for teaching as well as the culture and reality of the host country.

Participants will form part of a learning opportunity that mirrors a practical, effective, and authentic experience after which they will understand a number of innovative methodologies, be able to adapt them to their teaching context and create successful learning experiences for their students.

Assessment will be carried out prior to the course by means of analysis of participants' interests. During the course, oral and written reports will be completed to enhance participants' learning. After the course, prospective partnerships might develop from the themes raised by the programme.

LOCATION OF THE COURSE: Dublin (IRELAND)

Dublin, IRELAND, 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 the 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.

There is no question that **Dublin** is also 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.

DURATION OF THE COURSE

7-day course: **40 hours, a Sunday to Saturday course.**
10-day course: **60 hours, a monday to Friday 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

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Country of Destination: **Dublin, IRELAND**
Duration (days): **7 training days (from Sunday to Saturday) or 10 training days (from Monday to Friday)**
Language of communication: **English**

Dates in 2027
28 February - 06 March · 7 training days
23 - 29 May · 7 training days
20 - 26 June · 7 training days
04 - 10 July · 7 training days
11 - 17 July · 7 training days
19 - 30 July · 10 training days
24 - 30 October · 7 training days

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Programme of the 7-day Course:

Active Methodologies for Teaching and Learning

7-day Course in Ireland

(from Sunday to Saturday)

Sunday
Registration.
Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework
Tools for reflection on learning & Professional Development
Field learning "Contexts4Content" approach
International Dimension

Monday
21st Century Skills
Field Learning Project “Contexts4Content”

Tuesday
AI and Digital Competence for Teaching
CLIL: Content and Language Integrated Learning
Cooperative Learning in Action

Wednesday
Storytelling
Universal Design for Learning
Field Learning Project “Contexts4Content”

Thursday
Place-Based Learning
Feedback for Active Learning

Friday
Cultivating Student Wellbeing and Mindfulness
Field Learning Project “Contexts4Content”

Saturday
Presentation of participants' learning portfolios
Final reflection on learning acquired
Reflection about Dissemination Strategies
Evaluation of the programme

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Programme of the 10-day Course:

Active Methodologies for Teaching and Learning

10-Day Course in Ireland

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
MONDAY Registration. Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning & Professional Development International Dimension Field Learning Project "Contexts4Content" **TUESDAY** 21st Century Skills Building your Learner's Portfolio **WEDNESDAY** AI and Digital Competence for Teaching Cooperative Learning **THURSDAY** Storytelling Universal Design for Learning **FRIDAY** Student Wellbeing and Mindfulness Field Learning Project "Contexts4Content"	**MONDAY** CLIL: Content and Language Integrated Learning Building your Learner's Portfolio **TUESDAY** Project-Based Learning Game-Based Learning **WEDNESDAY** Teachers' Talk Building your Learner's Portfolio – Final tasks **THURSDAY** Innovation in Assessment & Learning Field Learning Project "Contexts4Content" **FRIDAY** Presentation of participants' learning portfolios Final reflection on learning acquired Reflection about Dissemination Strategies Evaluation of the programme

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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.