

## Modern Irish culture in Kerry, Ireland

### Modern Irish culture for Erasmus + projects

Our 2 week programme takes place in Cahersiveen, a small town on the 'Ring of Kerry', the 'Wild Atlantic Way' and the famous 'Skellig coast'. Cahersiveen was the home of Ireland's most well-known historical figure, Daniel O Connell, and in many ways is a perfect place to learn about heritage and modern Irish culture. Famous Gaelic football players are from Cahersiveen, Irish traditional music and dance are taught at local schools, and can be experienced in the pubs at night, and festivals of culture, history, music and the arts abound.

Our programme (9.00 – 13.00 Monday to Friday) is created in the form of practical workshops which relate to how culture can fit into the three learning pillars of SELF, OTHER AND PLACE, and which offer tips on how to create a culture based EU project:

SELF

plus 2 full day excursions, and 3 afternoon activities.

- 1) Irish Mythology, in particular the Fianna cycle, and how it relates to us today.
  - 2) History and Religion – how our past has shaped us and how we can be free of it.
  - 3) The 'I am' book, inspired by Ireland's first poem – 'Song of Amergin': Create an 'I am' book with local artist and learn how to help your students understand themselves better through art.
  - 4) Irish economy and politics (including the Celtic Tiger era and what it taught us about ourselves), as well as tips on how to motivate students to get involved in politics.
- Other
- 5) Learn an Irish dance – The importance of group dance, such as 'Ceilis' for social cohesion and connection, and tips on how to teach *anything* through movement.
  - 6) Tribal challenge – participate in a team building activity which creates living sculptures in the landscape.
  - 7) Learn an Irish song and discover tips on how to use music and song as great tools for learning
- Place
- 8) Our natural environment and green ecology – past, present and future
  - 9) Irish language, literature and poetry and how the land and seascape influence art
  - 10) Place based learning and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in modern Ireland

### Excursions/Activities:

2 full day excursions during your stay to places of outstanding cultural and panoramic

interest: Muckross House & Gardens in Killarney National Park

Derrynane National Park

3 afternoon activities per week

1) Visit some local craft makers

2) Boat trip to visit the archeological remains on Beginish Island

3) Celtic ceremony in our local stone ring forts

4) A visit to Cill Rialag village and art centre and a story from a local story teller

5) 'Walking history' to an Irish famine village and over the hill into Cahersiveen

6) Learn about our local seashores with some marine biologists.

Join us in the pub for some 'ceol agus craic' (music and fun) in the evenings