

# Galway English Language & Irish Culture

## Erasmus+ Course for Teachers

Discover more about Ireland while improving your English language skills in Galway, situated on the Wild Atlantic Way. With this course you can develop your confidence in English while also learning about Irish culture and society.

### COURSE OUTLINE

English Language & Irish Culture will help you to build confidence in reading, writing, and speaking in English while gaining knowledge about a new culture. This course blends content driven lessons with language to develop communication skills with others on the topic of their country's culture and traditions. During this course participants will examine key aspects of life in Ireland through presentations, tasks, research, songs and interaction with local people and the unique culture of this area in the West of Ireland.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

Overall objectives of the mobility: To gain an understanding of Irish Culture, Traditions and Contemporary Life in Ireland. To enhance communication skills to interact effectively with English Speakers. To explore aspects of the culture that interest you. To deepen your knowledge & understanding of this topic with the view to presenting to or teaching others.

**Added value of the mobility:** As well as improving your English language ability you will also have the opportunity to learn about Irish culture and compare it to other European contexts. By connecting with participants from all over Europe, you will benefit from sharing experiences and expertise. The mobility offers valuable networking opportunities for future collaboration between individuals and institutions.

**Activities to be carried out:** Engaging language classes to develop grammatical knowledge and build vocabulary. Participation in communicative classes – building fluency with speaking activities. Task or project-based learning using Irish Cultural topics to develop English language communication skills. Cultural and Heritage Trips as a chaperoned group.

**Expected outcomes and impact:** This course provides a valuable opportunity to refresh English language skills through the medium of culture-based lessons. Participants will also gain confidence from using their English skills to take part in international group classes. The course also helps to build inter-cultural awareness by encouraging participants to compare their countries' culture and traditions with those of Ireland.

### CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The courses are delivered in Atlantic Language School in Galway on Ireland's 'Wild Atlantic' Coast, and participants will have ample opportunity to learn about the cultural heritage of both Ireland and the local area. The week-long programme includes a full-day cultural tour to a local area of scenic and heritage value, a guided historical walking tour of Galway city, and afternoon social and cultural activities. Our staff are happy to suggest other tours and events to enjoy during your stay in Galway.

DESIGNED FOR Primary and Secondary Teachers \_\_\_\_\_

MINIMUM LEVEL OF ENGLISH B1 Intermediate (CEFR) \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE LENGTH Monday to Friday, 20 lessons / week + Social and Cultural Activities + Full-day Tour on Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOMMODATION Self-Catering Shared Apartment or Host Family \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION Certificate of Participation and Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED STT Invitation, Europass, Work Plan (on request), Certificate OID: E10256058

SAMPLE TIMETABLE Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday 9.00 - 12.30 Full-Day Tour to Wild Atlantic Way Possible tours included: Connemara Aran Islands Cliffs of Moher Life in Ireland

What would you like to ask an Irish person about Ireland? Key facts & figures General Knowledge Quiz Research groups & task allocation Indirect Question forms when interviewing Irish people

What is Ireland famous for? Irish Culture around the world The origins of Halloween Recent Issues in Contemporary Ireland Significant Changes in Recent Years Famous Irish people Using language of hedging & making generalised statements

A Brief introduction to Irish History The Celts - who were they? The Famine & The Legacy of Immigration Irish Independence - what really happened Northern Ireland: a complex history + society The Irish Language + Irish English

The Importance of Music in Ireland Contemporary Irish Music Traditional Music in Ireland Falling in love with Irish Dance Learning English through songs & music Reflection & Review

What we have learned Presentation of research gathered Feedback & Review

13.30 15.30 - 16.30 15.30 - 16.30 20.00 Walking Tour of Galway City 'Getting to Know You' - Tea & Chat Networking Wednesday Workshops

Pub Night

Explore Galway City - Digital Scavenger Hunt