

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO YOUNG LEARNERS (ages 3-11)

FOCUS ON CONTEMPORARY & TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS IN THE U.K.

MAIDSTONE

1 WEEK: **Saturday 24 November - Sunday 02 December 2012** **Fee: € 837** **Accommodation: €432** **Total: €1269**

2 WEEKS: **Sunday 25 November - Friday 07 December 2012** **Fee: €1029** **Accommodation: €569** **Total: €1598**

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

These courses aim to provide European teachers of English at primary level with:

- a range of new ideas, practical classroom skills and materials for teaching English to young learners with a focus on Contemporary & Traditional Festivals in the U.K.
- an opportunity to improve their own language skills and to acquire language for the primary classroom
- an insight into Primary Education in England
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from primary schools in other European countries

COURSE CONTENT:

1. Practical Methodology Workshops on Teaching English as a Foreign Language at Primary Level: Focus on Contemporary & Traditional Festivals in the U.K. (3 days)

conducted by expert teacher trainers with many years of experience in training European teachers of English and a wealth of exciting ideas to impart.

Emphasis will be on motivating pupils through a variety of child-centred activities which engage their imaginations and creativity, drawing on The European 'Lingua Project: Staging Early Foreign Language Learning'.

Plenty of practical ideas will be demonstrated and considered and teachers will be encouraged to participate.

Many aspects will be covered in relation to festivals (particularly Christmas): listening & speaking skills, songs, rhymes, chants, poetry, drama, role play, stories, games, drawing & craft activities. There will be particular emphasis on setting up project-based classroom work. Vocabulary related to festivals and practical classroom work will be developed via hands-on participation in multi-sensory activities. Participants will have practical experience of creating wall charts and displays, costumes, masks and devising performances for parents and the whole school community to showcase learners' work via learning festivals.

A range of ready-made teaching materials will be provided, with an emphasis on showing participants how to create and develop personalised learning resources for their own teaching contexts.

2. A day visit to a primary school with an opportunity to observe lessons

Talk by a teacher on Christmas activities in the school involving art, music & drama and opportunity to observe some of these activities

3. English Language Tuition including Listening and Speaking Skills, Pronunciation and Intonation, Grammar Review, Vocabulary (2 days on 2 week course, ½ day on 1 week course)

4. Classroom Language: Vocabulary, Expressions and Role Play for the Primary Classroom and Language for Storytelling (1 day on 2 week course, ½ day on Storytelling on 1 week course)

5. Educational visit to London

LOCATION:

MAIDSTONE, England: Population: 140,000; 37 miles (55 kilometres) south-east of London (1 hour by rail). Maidstone is situated in the beautiful county of Kent within easy reach of London and the coast. It is a pleasant town with various historic buildings including a medieval archbishop's palace. One of its chief attractions is the wealth of charming villages in the surrounding countryside.

TRAVEL:

Transport at the beginning and end of the course is not provided and International Study Programmes regrets that it is unable to assist with travel arrangements. The most convenient airports for Maidstone are: all London Airports (Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton, Stansted, City) – travel to Maidstone via central London

For enquiries and timetables:

National Express Coach: www.nationalexpress.com +44 (0) 8717 818 178 (purchase of ticket in advance necessary)
Rail: www.thetrainline.com 0044-191-227 5959

There is also a useful website www.transportdirect.info which will assist in planning a journey within the UK using every form of transport.

TOTAL PRICE comprises:

(a) **COURSE FEE** (as detailed on Page 1) to include:

Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemized above.

NB. Participants are responsible for paying their own daily transport costs including transport to secondary schools. Optional visits are not included in the price.

(b) **HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION** (as detailed on Page 1) to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 8 or 12 nights
(Teachers may request to be the only guest of their mother tongue or to stay in the same family as a colleague).

Host families are carefully selected and offer a friendly welcome and opportunities to chat and learn more about life in Britain today. Participants often find that the experience of staying with a host family is one of the most memorable aspects of the course. Accommodation is in single rooms (unless participants request to share). Breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal are provided by the host family. (Food allergies, likes and dislikes are taken into account.)

Please note that many of the suitable residential areas are not within walking distance of the town centre, and most host families are an easy bus ride from the town centre/tuition centre. Local transport from host families to the town centre is at the participants' own expense and is likely to cost 15-30 Euro per week.

Additional nights with host families can be arranged, giving participants extra time for individual research and visits. Accommodation can be provided for family members (but not unaccompanied children) subject to availability. (Rates on request).

PAYMENT:

Full payment will be due 2 months before the course begins, or for teachers awaiting Comenius funding – as soon as the Comenius grant is received. Cancellation charges apply for cancellations 4 weeks or less before the course commences. 3-4 weeks before arrival: cancellation fee: 380 Euros. No refund for cancellations within 3 weeks of arrival. Cancellation insurance can be arranged through Endsleigh Insurance.

PREPARATION: Participants complete a detailed questionnaire before the course starts to ascertain their level of experience and training, as well as the age groups and types of learners they teach. Suggestions for pre-course reading are given.

EVALUATION: At the end of the course teachers participate in a detailed evaluation of the course.

FOLLOW UP: At the end of the course teachers are asked to consider which aspects of the course will be the most relevant to their own teaching situations. On their return they are invited to keep a record of how they have been able to utilise ideas gained on the course in their own classrooms. They are encouraged to share their experiences with their fellow participants by email. Teachers will also have email access to the teacher trainers for discussion and advice after the course.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES:

International Study Programmes has 30 years experience in organising courses for Teachers of English on behalf of European Ministries of Education and In-service Teacher Training Institutes. International Study Programmes' team of teacher trainers includes highly respected trainers such as Graham Workman, Lucy Norris and Dr Diana Hicks - author of 'Primary Colours' (Cambridge) and 'Pingu's English' (Linguaphone).

COMENIUS GRANTS:

These courses are listed in the Comenius/Grundtvig Database and have Comenius reference numbers.

Eligible applicants may apply to the European Union for Comenius funding for all courses.

Grant applications should be made to participants' National Agency for the Lifelong Learning Programme.

2 WEEK COURSE FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO YOUNG LEARNERS

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MAIDSTONE: SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 07 DECEMBER 2012

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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SATURDAY 01 DECEMBER	Free for Individual research or Optional visit to Leeds Castle or London		
SUNDAY 02 DECEMBER	Free for Individual research or Optional visit to Canterbury		
MONDAY 03 DECEMBER	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- Classroom Language: 1600 Vocabulary, Expressions & Role Play for the Primary Classroom	
TUESDAY 04 DECEMBER	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- English Language Tuition 1600	Optional cinema visit
WEDNESDAY 05 DECEMBER	0900- Educational visit to London 1930		
THURSDAY 06 DECEMBER	0830- Day visit to a primary school 1500 Observe lessons & opportunity for discussions with teachers. 1530- Evaluation session 1630		
FRIDAY 07 DECEMBER	Depart Maidstone		

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