

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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2 WEEK COURSE FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS IN VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

SOUTHAMPTON : TUESDAY 06 NOVEMBER - SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2012

OBJECTIVES:

These courses aim to give participants the opportunity to:

- Compare vocational training in Britain with their own countries
- Improve their command of English as lingua franca in their specialist field of technology or arts
- Up-date their knowledge of various aspects of British commerce/industry and of their specialist field as it exists in Britain

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Lecture on vocational training in Britain**, vocational qualifications and job opportunities for young people.
2. **Lecture on the English Education System**: Recent Developments and Current Issues.
3. **2 day visits to various colleges** which offer vocational training with an introduction to the college and the opportunity to observe relevant classes, discuss with staff and students and draw comparisons with participants' own countries.
4. **2 days of English Language tuition** (General English and Language for the specialist fields taught by the participants).
5. **1 day visit to a firm/organisation** according to the specialist field of the participant, with an introduction to the firm/organisation, and an opportunity to observe and/or assist staff members at work.
6. **A 1 day workshop on English** for Vocational Purposes.
7. **Discussion session**: Comparison of European Systems of Vocational Training
8. **Day visit to Winchester**

TOTAL PRICE : 1698 Euro comprising:

(a) **COURSE FEE**: 1129 Euro to include:

Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemised above.

NB. Participants are responsible for paying their own daily transport costs, including transport to colleges and firms.

Any optional visits are not included in the price and the cost depends on the number of participants

(b) **HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION** Fee: 569 Euro to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 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 and local schools 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).

LOCATION:

SOUTHAMPTON, England: Population: 220,000; 80 miles (128 kilometres) south-west of London (1¼ hours by rail). Southampton is a pleasant university town and an important port situated on the south coast, within easy reach of the New Forest, Winchester, Salisbury, Portsmouth, Bournemouth and the Isle of Wight. There is an historic old town, interesting museums, a new waterside development and an excellent shopping centre.

The most convenient airports: Southampton (rail to city centre), Heathrow (direct National Express coach to Southampton) or Gatwick (direct coach or rail to Southampton)

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. Please check the most convenient airports above. If arriving at other airports, travel to the course location is generally via central London by coach or rail.

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 +44 191 227 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.

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 indicate their level of experience and training, the vocational courses undertaken by their students, and any special requirements.

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 has 30 years experience in organising courses for Teachers 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 (ELT author) and Chris Crofts (Cambridge CELTA trainer).

COMENIUS GRANTS:

This course will be listed in the Comenius database and will have a Comenius reference number.

Eligible applicants may apply to the European Union for Comenius or Grundtvig funding for this course.

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

Deadlines: 16 September 2011
30 April 2012?

for courses starting 01 January – 30 April 2012
for courses starting 01 September – 31 December 2012
(Please check with your National Agency)

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DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
TUESDAY 06 NOVEMBER			Arrive Southampton
WEDNESDAY 07 NOVEMBER	0900- Welcome and Introduction by 1030 Local Organiser and briefing on visits to colleges and companies 1045- Lecture : The Education System : 1315 Recent Developments & Current Issues	1430- Walking tour of Southampton 1600	
THURSDAY 08 NOVEMBER	0900- Visit requested department(s) of a college which offers vocational training 1700 Lecture & discussion: Vocational Training in Britain and Vocational Qualifications & Job Opportunities for Young People		
FRIDAY 09 NOVEMBER	0900- English Language Tuition 1230 focusing on the specialist fields taught by the participants	1330- English Language Tuition 1630	
SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER	Free for individual research or optional visit to London		
SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER	Free for individual research or optional visit to Salisbury or Portsmouth's Historic Ships		
MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER	0900- Introduction to industrial, 1030 commercial & cultural aspects of Southampton 1100- Discussion Session: 1315 Comparison of European Systems of Vocational Training	1430- Reception with the Mayor 1600	
TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER	0900- Visit requested department(s) of a college which offers vocational training 1700		
WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER	0900- Visit a firm/organisation in chosen field 1700		
THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- English Language Tuition 1600	Optional evening at an historic pub
FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER	0900- Workshop on English 1230 for Vocational Purposes	1330- Workshop on English 1630 for Vocational Purposes 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER	0900- Educational visit to Winchester 1830		
SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER	Depart Southampton		