

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES**

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# **2 WEEK COURSE FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN VOCATIONAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS LANGUAGE & METHODOLOGY**

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**SUNDAY 15 JULY - SATURDAY 28 JULY 2012  
SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER - SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2012**

These courses are designed for European teachers of English in secondary and vocational schools who need to improve their own language skills, as well as acquiring new skills, ideas and materials for teaching English.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Participants will have the opportunity:

- to gain a huge variety of new teaching ideas & motivating materials ready to use in the classroom.
- to improve their language skills (including classroom language and new developments in the English language)
- to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from different European countries.

### **COURSE CONTENT:**

#### **1. Workshop on Teaching English as a Foreign Language (Methodology) – 4 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.

A wide range of teaching ideas and activities designed to make language lessons more enjoyable and worthwhile will be discussed and shared. The workshop will include some or all of the following:

- learner styles and learner training - different strategies for differentiation
- increasing motivation and inclusivity in the classroom
- motivating mixed ability classes
- creative activities for large classes
- cross-curricular language teaching
- developing learner autonomy
- language analysis for teaching
- all four skills-particularly integrated tasks
- stimulating ideas for exploiting textbooks
- creative writing activities
- correction and feedback strategies
- evaluation and assessment
- using authentic materials
- grammar activities
- teaching vocabulary
- the Lexical Approach
- task based learning
- motivating students through a variety of activities which engage their imaginations and creativity - innovative role play and drama activities, use of the media, poetry and stories.

Teachers will be encouraged to share their own ideas and experiences and to participate in practical activities suitable for students.

**A wide range of ready-made teaching materials will be provided.**

#### **2. English Language Tuition – 5 days**

Language practice through activities designed to improve intonation, pronunciation and communicative confidence; listening and speaking skills; grammar review; vocabulary; classroom language; recent developments in English. Language topics will include Aspects of Life in Modern Britain.

#### **3. Educational visit to: Dartmoor National Park and Dartmouth**

## **TOTAL PRICE:** 1792 Euro comprises

- (a) **COURSE FEE** 1196 Euro to include:  
Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemized above.

Optional excursions are not included in the price.

- (b) **HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION** 596 Euro to include:  
Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 13 nights  
(Teachers may request to be the only guest of their mother tongue or to stay in the same family as a colleague).  
Please note that suitable residential areas are not mainly within walking distance of the town centre. Local transport from host families to the town centre is at the participants' own expense and is likely to cost a total of about 40 Euro.

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

## **LOCATION:**

**EXETER:** Population: 105,000; 190 miles (305 kilometres) south-west of London (2½ hours by rail).

Exeter is an historic city with a magnificent Gothic cathedral, many lovely old buildings and a variety of interesting museums. It is the county town of Devon, situated in beautiful hilly countryside, close to the South Devon coast and Dartmoor National Park. The most convenient airports: Exeter (bus to city centre), Bristol (airport bus then rail or coach to Exeter) or Heathrow (direct National Express Coach to Exeter)

Unlike popular south coast resorts and tourist centres (such as Oxford and Cambridge) Exeter is not overcrowded with overseas students and offer a typically British environment in which to study.

## **TRAVEL:**

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](http://www.nationalexpress.com) +44 (0) 8717 818 178 (purchase of ticket in advance necessary)  
**Rail:** [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) 0044-191-227 5959

There is also a useful website [www.transportdirect.info](http://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 ascertain their level of experience and training, as well as the types of learners they teach. Suggestions for pre-course reading are given.

## **OUTCOMES:**

By the end of the course participants will have:

- Gained a wide variety of new ideas, skills and materials for teaching English
- Updated their knowledge of the English Language and Britain
- Established links with teachers from different European Countries

## **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 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 and Dr Diana Hicks (author of 'Cambridge English for Schools' and 'Cambridge English Worldwide')

## **COMENIUS GRANTS:**

This course is listed in the Comenius database and has a Comenius reference number.

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

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

**Deadlines:** ? 13 January 2012 for courses starting 01 May – 31 August 2012 (please check with your National Agency)  
? 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
SUNDAY 15 JULY			Arrive Exeter
MONDAY 16 JULY	0900- Welcome and Introduction 1000  1030- English Language Tuition 1300	1400- English Language Tuition 1700	
TUESDAY 17 JULY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1300- Guided walking tour of Exeter 1430  1445- Workshop on Teaching English 1745 as a Foreign Language	
WEDNESDAY 18 JULY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	
THURSDAY 19 JULY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	
FRIDAY 20 JULY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	
SATURDAY 21 JULY	Free for individual research and optional visits: eg Sidmouth and Ladram Bay on the South Devon Coast		
SUNDAY 22 JULY	Free for individual research or Optional visit to Exmoor National Park and North Devon Coast		
MONDAY 23 JULY	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- English Language Tuition 1600	Optional evening in a traditional pub
TUESDAY 24 JULY	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- English Language Tuition 1600	
WEDNESDAY 25 JULY	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- English Language Tuition 1600	
THURSDAY 26 JULY	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- English Language Tuition 1600	
FRIDAY 27 JULY	0900- Educational visit to Dartmoor National Park, Totnes and Dartmouth 1830		
SATURDAY 28 JULY	Depart Exeter		

The programme content for the 14 – 27 October course will be the same as above