

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES**

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### **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT & QUALITY EVALUATION IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

#### **1 WEEK COURSES**

#### **FOR EUROPEAN SCHOOL INSPECTORS, EVALUATORS, ADVISERS & OTHER EDUCATORS**

**SOUTHAMPTON : SUNDAY 18 MARCH – SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2012**  
**SOUTHAMPTON : SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 02 DECEMBER 2012**

Applications are welcome from all European Educators concerned with School Development and Quality Evaluation in Primary and Secondary Schools.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

These courses aim to provide:

- an insight into Standards and School Development Strategies, Quality Evaluation Criteria and Inspection Procedures in Primary and Secondary Education in England from the perspective of:
  - Headteachers and Schools
  - Local Education Authorities
  - The National Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and Schools Inspectors
- an opportunity for Inspectors and Evaluators of different European nationalities to exchange experiences

#### **COURSE CONTENT:**

1. **Lecture: The English Education System:** National Curriculum, Key Stages, Recent Developments and Current Issues
2. **Day visit to a Primary School.** Tour of school. Discussion with the Headteacher focusing on school development, quality control and evaluation and including the management of the school, the National Curriculum, the integration of Special Needs pupils, strategies for easing the transition from primary to secondary school, etc. Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers.
3. **Day visit to a Secondary (Comprehensive) School.** Tour of school. Discussion with the Headteacher focusing on school development, quality control and evaluation and including the management of the school, the National Curriculum, Ofsted inspections (preparation, inspection, results, follow-up, effects etc.), GCSE & other examinations, etc. Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers.  
NB: Participants who are interested only in primary or only in secondary level may opt to visit 2 primary schools or 2 secondary schools (instead of one primary and one secondary).
4. **Lecture & Discussion with a Schools Inspector** on the role of Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education) and on Ofsted School Inspections and the role of School Improvement Partners and National Leaders in Education.
5. **Lecture & discussion on School Development & Quality Evaluation** with a representative of the Standards and School Improvement Service of a Local Education Authority.
6. **Lecture & Discussion: The Teaching of Modern Languages** – The European Dimension
7. **Opportunity** for participants of different nationalities to **exchange experiences**
8. **Educational visit to Winchester**

#### **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)

## **TOTAL PRICE** comprises:

### (a) **COURSE FEE:** 866 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 schools.

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

### (b) **ACCOMMODATION FEE:**

7 nights accommodation (**inclusive of registration fee**) in:

(i) **Hotel accommodation** – 4 star hotel in central location – Bed & Breakfast only (single rooms ensuite): **679 Euro**

or

(ii) **Host Family Accommodation** – full board (single rooms not ensuite): **399 Euro** to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee)

(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).

## **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 background and particular interests. Participants are asked to come prepared to discuss School Improvement & Quality Evaluation in their own country with participants of other European nationalities.

**OUTCOMES:** By the end of the course participants will have gained a deeper knowledge of issues concerning School Improvement and Quality Evaluation in England (and various other European Countries), which will hopefully inform and enrich their own work in this field.

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

**FOLLOW UP:** At the end of the course participants are asked to consider which aspects are most relevant to their own situation, They are encouraged to remain in email contact with fellow participants.

## **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](http://www.nationalexpress.com) +44 (0) 8717 818 178 (purchase of ticket in advance necessary)

Rail: [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) +44 191 227 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.

## **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:** 16 September 2011 for courses starting 01 January – 30 April 2012  
30 April 2012? for courses starting 01 September – 31 December 2012  
(Please check with your National Agency)

**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.

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**SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY 18 MARCH-SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2012**

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY 18 MARCH			Arrive Southampton
MONDAY 19 MARCH	0900- Welcome & Introduction 1000  1030- Lecture: The English Education 1315 System: The National Curriculum, Key Stages, Recent Developments & Current Issues	1415- Walking Tour of historic 1545 Southampton	
TUESDAY 20 MARCH	0830- Day visit to a Primary School. Tour of School 1600 Discussion with the Headteacher focusing on school development, quality control and evaluation and including the management of the school, the National Curriculum, the integration of special needs pupils, strategies for easing the transition from primary to secondary school, etc. Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		Optional evening in an historic pub
WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH	0900- Lecture & Discussion with a 1300 Schools Inspector on the role of Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education) and on Ofsted School Inspections and the role of School Improvement Partners and National Leaders in Education	1400- Lecture & Discussion: 1600 The Teaching of Modern Languages – The European Dimension	
THURSDAY 22 MARCH	0830- Day visit to a Secondary School. Tour of School 1600 Discussion with the Headteacher focusing on school development, quality control and evaluation and including the management of the school, the National Curriculum, Ofsted inspections (preparation, inspection, results, follow-up, effects etc.), GCSE & other examinations, etc. Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		
FRIDAY 23 MARCH	0900- Lecture & Discussion on 1200 School Development and Quality Evaluation with a representative of a Local Education Authority: Standards and School Development Service	1330- Opportunity for participants of 1530 different nationalities to exchange experiences  1530- Evaluation Session 1630	
SATURDAY 24 MARCH	0900- Educational visit to Winchester 1730		
SUNDAY 25 MARCH	Depart Southampton		

The programme content for the **25 November – 02 December 2012** course will be the same as above