

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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2 WEEK COURSES FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO PUPILS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

PORTSMOUTH : MONDAY 09 APRIL – SUNDAY 22 APRIL 2012
EXETER : SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER – SATURDAY 08 NOVEMBER 2012

Teachers of English to pupils (aged 7-16) with special needs (learning difficulties) from all European countries are invited to attend these courses.

OBJECTIVES:

These courses aim to provide teachers with:

- a range of new ideas, practical classroom skills and materials for teaching English to pupils with special needs
- an opportunity to improve their own language skills and to acquire language for the classroom
- an insight into Special Education in Britain
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
- cultural background to life in Britain

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Practical Methodology Workshops on Teaching English as a Foreign Language to Special Needs Pupils** – 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 activities which engage their imaginations and creativity. Plenty of practical ideas will be demonstrated and considered and teachers will be encouraged to participate.

Many aspects will be covered including:

Developing listening & speaking skills;	CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning);
Songs, rhymes & chants; poems;	Increasing motivation;
Drama and role play;	Learner autonomy;
Storytelling activities;	Co-operative learning;
TPR (Total Physical Response) Activities;	Using authentic materials;
Games;	Correction and feedback strategies;
Drawing and craft activities; using pictures	Textbook, CD Roms and the Internet;
Teaching vocabulary;	The European 'Lingua' Project: 'Staging Foreign Language Learning'

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

2. **English Language Tuition** including Listening and Speaking Skills, Pronunciation and Intonation, Grammar Review, Vocabulary - 2½ days
3. **Classroom Language:** Vocabulary, Expressions and Role Play for the Special Needs Classroom - ½ day.
4. **The English Education System:**
 - a lecture on the English Education System focusing on Special Needs
 - **day visits to two schools** with an opportunity to observe lessons.
Day 1: visit a special school. Day 2: visit a primary or secondary school with integrated special needs pupils.
5. **Discussion session:** draw comparisons between Special Education in England and participants' own countries; opportunity for teachers of different nationalities to exchange experiences.
6. **Educational visit to:** **Winchester** (from Portsmouth)
Dartmoor National Park & Dartmouth (from Exeter)

TOTAL PRICE: 1692 Euro comprises:

- (a) **COURSE FEE 1096 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 visits to local schools.
Any optional visits are not included in the price and the cost depends on the number of participants.

- (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).

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).

LOCATIONS:

PORTSMOUTH, England: Population: 190,000; 75 miles (120 kilometres) south-west of London (1½ hours by rail).
Portsmouth, situated on the south coast, is an important port, famous for its historic ships - most notably Nelson's "Victory". Old Portsmouth overlooks the busy historic maritime harbour, while the attractive seaside resort area of Southsea, with its parks and gardens and two piers, has four miles of seafront with views across to the Isle of Wight.
The most convenient airports: Southampton (rail to Portsmouth), Heathrow (direct National Express coach to Portsmouth) or Gatwick (direct coach or rail to Portsmouth)

EXETER, England: 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)

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 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 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 'Primary Colours' and 'Pingu's English' (Linguaphone).

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

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PORTSMOUTH: MONDAY 09 APRIL - SUNDAY 22 APRIL 2012

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DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
MONDAY 09 APRIL			Arrive Portsmouth
TUESDAY 10 APRIL	0900- Welcome and Introduction 1030 1100- Lecture: The English Education 1300 System focusing on Special Needs with a Teacher or Headteacher of a Special School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of inclusion • Early identification • Individual Education/ Behavioural Plans • Intervention Strategies • Importance of Emotional Literacy • Local Authority • The role of Special Schools 	1400- Walking Tour of Historic Portsmouth 1530	
WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL	0830- Day visit to a Special School 1600 Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		2000 Optional evening at a historic pub
THURSDAY 12 APRIL	0830- Day visit to a Primary School or Secondary School 1600 Observe lessons with integrated Special Needs Pupils and opportunity for discussion with teachers and learning support teachers.		
FRIDAY 13 APRIL	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- English Language Tuition and 1600 feedback discussion on school visits - draw comparisons with Special Education in the different countries represented and opportunity for teachers of different nationalities to exchange experiences	
SATURDAY 14 APRIL	Free for individual research Optional visit to London		
SUNDAY 15 APRIL	Free for individual research Optional visit to Portsmouth's Historic Ships & Spinnaker Tower		
MONDAY 16 APRIL	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- English Language Tuition 1600	
TUESDAY 17 APRIL	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- Classroom Language 1600	Optional cinema or theatre visit
WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils (ages 7-16)	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils (ages 7-16)	
THURSDAY 19 APRIL	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils (ages 7-16)	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils (ages 7-16)	
FRIDAY 20 APRIL	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils (ages 7-16)	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language to Special Needs pupils (ages 7-16) 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
SATURDAY 21 APRIL	0900- Educational visit to Winchester 1830		
SUNDAY 22 APRIL	Depart Portsmouth		