

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES**

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# **ONE WEEK COURSE FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS OF GEOGRAPHY AT SECONDARY LEVEL (Ages 10-19)**

**SOUTHAMPTON: SATURDAY 01 SEPTEMBER-SUNDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Teachers from all European countries are invited to attend this course.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The course aims to provide Teachers with:

- new ideas and techniques for teaching Geography
- an insight into the teaching of Geography in British Secondary Schools
- an opportunity to compare the teaching of Geography in different European countries, to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
- an opportunity to extend their knowledge of the Geography of Britain and to engage in practical field studies

### **COURSE CONTENT:**

1. **Lecture & Discussion on The English Education System**
2. **A Day visit to a secondary school.** Observe geography lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers
3. **Lecture on the Teaching of Geography** in British Secondary Schools and Group Discussion comparing the teaching of Geography in the different countries represented – curriculum, materials, methods, standards, assessment, national education policies, etc. – with a British Geography teacher
4. **Introduction to C.L.I.L. (Content and Language Integrated Learning)** – focusing on Geography
5. **Workshop on Inclusivity: Ideas for Including and Motivating all types of learner:** techniques and tasks to use with mother tongue texts in Geography lessons - ½ day
6. **Geographical Field Studies** in The New Forest National Park: Stream Studies & Village Studies
7. **Day visit to London.** Visit the Earth Gallery (Red Zone) of the Natural History Museum or Greenwich and tour of The Houses of Parliament
8. **Visit 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:** 1269 Euro comprises:

(a) **COURSE FEE:** 837 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 Secondary schools  
Optional visits are not included in the price.

(b) **HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION:** 432 Euro to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 08 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).

#### **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.

#### **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) 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.

#### **INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES:**

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.

#### **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).

**Deadline:** 30 April 2012 for courses starting 01 September – 31 December 2012

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## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SATURDAY 01 SEPTEMBER			Arrive Southampton
SUNDAY 02 SEPTEMBER	Welcome Free day for individual research or optional visits eg. The Isle of Wight		
MONDAY 03 SEPTEMBER	0900- Introduction 1000  1030- Lecture & Discussion: 'The English 1300 Education System'	1330- Walking Tour of Southampton 1530 including Geographical Aspects	
TUESDAY 04 SEPTEMBER	0900- Introduction to C.L.I.L. (Content 1200 and Language Integrated Learning) focusing on Geography	1300- Workshop on Inclusivity: 1630 Techniques and tasks to use with mother tongue texts in Geography lessons	
WEDNESDAY 05 SEPTEMBER	0900- Educational visit to London. 2000 Visit Greenwich (via Docklands Light Railway) or Visit Earth Gallery (Red Zone) of the Natural History Museum. Visit Houses of Parliament		
THURSDAY 06 SEPTEMBER	0830- Day visit to a Secondary School 1600 Observe Geography lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		Optional evening in an historic pub
FRIDAY 07 SEPTEMBER	0900- Lecture: The National Curriculum 1200 in Geography and the Teaching of Geography in English Secondary Schools Feedback discussion on school visit. Group discussion comparing the Teaching of Geography in the different countries represented – curriculum, materials, methods, standards, assessment, national education policies, etc. – with a British Geography Teacher  1200- Evaluation Session 1300	1330- Geographical Field Studies for 1800 secondary school pupils in The New Forest National Park: • Stream Studies • Village Studies in Beaulieu	
SATURDAY 08 SEPTEMBER	0900- Day visit to Winchester 1800		
SUNDAY 09 SEPTEMBER	Depart Southampton		