

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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

IPSWICH: SATURDAY 30 JUNE-SUNDAY 08 JULY 2012

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

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course aims to provide Teachers with:

- 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** on the Teaching of Geography in British Secondary Schools
2. **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
3. **A day visit to a secondary school.** Observe geography lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers
4. **Introduction to CLIL (Content & Language Integrated Learning) focusing on Geography** – 1 day
5. **Geographical Field Studies:** 'Investigating Water Quality' at Flatford Mill Field Studies Centre
6. **Lecture on the Regeneration of Ipswich Docks Area** and tour of Ipswich Waterfront (Docks Regeneration Area)
7. **Visit the Earth Gallery (Red Zone) of the Natural History Museum** in London and **Greenwich**

LOCATION:

IPSWICH, England: Population: 120,000; 90 miles (144 kilometres) north-east of London (1¼ hours by rail).

Ipswich, the county town of Suffolk, is situated close to the unspoilt Suffolk coast and to many picturesque villages. It has an attractive waterfront and some noteworthy historic buildings, including a fine Tudor mansion.

The most convenient airport: Stansted (direct National Express coach to Ipswich) or other London airports (rail/coach via Central London to Ipswich)

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

(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 +44 (0) 8717 818 178 (purchase of ticket in advance necessary)
Rail: www.thetrainline.com 0044-191-227 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.

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: 16 January 2012 for courses starting 01 May – 31 August 2012

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DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SATURDAY 30 JUNE			Arrive Ipswich
SUNDAY 01 JULY	Welcome Free day for individual research or optional visits, eg. the Suffolk coast or Cambridge		
MONDAY 02 JULY	0900- Welcome & Introduction 1000 1015- Lecture & discussion: The 1145 Regeneration of Ipswich Docks Area 1200- Tour of Ipswich Waterfront - 1330 Docks Regeneration Area	1430- Tour of Ipswich Town 1600 1600- Visit Christchurch Mansion 1700	
TUESDAY 03 JULY	0900- Introduction to CLIL (Content & 1230 Language Integrated Learning) focusing on Geography	1330- Introduction to CLIL focusing on 1630 Geography	
WEDNESDAY 04 JULY	0900- Visit Flatford Mill Field Studies 1300 Centre. Explanation of the work of the Field Studies Council with Secondary school pupils. Geographical Field Studies: Investigating Water Quality		1330- Riverside walk to Dedham. Visit 1600 Dedham Village
THURSDAY 05 JULY	0830- Day visit to a Secondary School 1600 Observe Geography lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		Optional evening at a waterside pub
FRIDAY 06 JULY	0900- Lecture and discussion on 1300 the Teaching of Geography in British Secondary Schools. 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	1400- Evaluation Session 1500 1500- Visit Ipswich Museum 1600	Optional visit to seaside resort of Felixstowe
SATURDAY 07 JULY	0830- Educational visit to London 2200 Visit Greenwich (via Docklands Light Railway) Visit Earth Gallery (Red Zone) of The Natural History Museum		
SUNDAY 08 JULY	Depart Ipswich		