

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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2 WEEK COURSES FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AT SECONDARY LEVEL:

Language and Methodology

GLOUCESTER: Sunday 29 July- Friday 10 August
PORTSMOUTH: Tuesday 21 August- Sunday 02 September
PORTSMOUTH: Sunday 26 August- Friday 07 September

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

These courses are designed for European teachers of English at Secondary level (ages 10 – 19).

Participants will have the opportunity:

- to gain a huge variety of teaching ideas & motivating materials ready to use in the classroom
- to improve their English Language Skills
- to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from secondary schools in different European countries

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **English Language Tuition** (4 days)
This course focuses on improving teachers' own language skills, with 24 hours of intensive language tuition: advanced language practice through activities designed to improve intonation, pronunciation and communicative confidence; creative writing & new developments in the English Language.
2. **Practical Methodology Workshops on Teaching English as a Foreign Language** (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.

The Workshops will explore a wide range of teaching ideas & activities designed to motivate students and make language lessons more enjoyable & worthwhile, including:

- a variety of motivating activities which engage learners' imaginations & creativity - innovative role play & drama activities, use of the media, poetry & stories (based on the European 'Lingua' Project "Staging Foreign Language Learning")
- learner styles & learner training - different strategies for differentiation
- increasing motivation & 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 & feedback strategies
- evaluation & assessment
- using authentic materials
- grammar activities
- teaching vocabulary
- Lexical Approach
- task based learning
- relevance of World Englishes and ELF to the language classroom

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

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

3. **Workshop on Shakespeare's Theatre** (Gloucester course) or
Lecture: Multicultural Britain (Portsmouth courses)
4. **Educational visit to: Stratford-upon-Avon** with opportunity to visit a Shakespeare play (Gloucester course) or
Winchester (Portsmouth courses)

LOCATIONS:

GLOUCESTER, England: Population: 105,000; 105 miles (170 kilometres) west of London (2 hours by rail).

Gloucester is an ancient city with a magnificent medieval cathedral and cloister, as well as being a lively modern town. The historic docks have been impressively restored to include various museums, shops and cafes. The city is close to the spectacular countryside of the Cotswolds Hills, the Wye Valley and the Forest of Dean.

The most convenient airports: Heathrow (direct National Express Coach to Gloucester) or Birmingham (rail to Gloucester) or Bristol (airport bus then rail to Gloucester)

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)

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.

TOTAL PRICE: 1598 Euro comprises:

(a) **COURSE FEE:** 1029 Euro to include:

Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemized above.

NB. Participants are responsible for paying their own daily transport costs. Optional visits are not included in the price.

(b) **HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION:** 569 Euro to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 12 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 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 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:

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, Lucy Norris and Dr Diana Hicks (author of 'Cambridge English for Schools' and 'Cambridge English Worldwide').

COMENIUS GRANTS:

These courses are listed in the Comenius/Grundtvig Database and have Comenius reference numbers.

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

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

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

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GLOUCESTER: SUNDAY 29 JULY – FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 2012

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DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY 29 JULY			Arrive Gloucester
MONDAY 30 JULY	0900- Welcome and Introduction 1030 1045- Workshop on Shakespeare's 1300 Theatre focusing on the play to be seen in Stratford-upon-Avon	1400- Walking tour of Gloucester and 1700 opportunity to visit the Cathedral and Cloister	
TUESDAY 31 JULY	0900- English Language Tuition 1215	1315- English Language Tuition 1630	Optional evening in a Historic pub
WEDNESDAY 01 AUGUST	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	
THURSDAY 02 AUGUST	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	
FRIDAY 03 AUGUST	0900- English Language Tuition 1330	Free for individual research or Optional visit to Cheltenham	
SATURDAY 04 AUGUST	Free for Individual research or Optional visit to Oxford via Cotswold Village of Burford		
SUNDAY 05 AUGUST	Free for individual research Optional visit to Bath		
MONDAY 06 AUGUST	0900- English Language Tuition 1215	1315- English Language Tuition 1630	
TUESDAY 07 AUGUST	0900- English Language Tuition 1215	1315- English Language Tuition 1630	Optional cinema or Theatre visit
WEDNESDAY 08 AUGUST	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
THURSDAY 09 AUGUST	0800- Educational visit to Stratford-upon-Avon 1915 Walk through historic Stratford Opportunity for individual visits eg. Shakespeare's Birthplace. Opportunity to attend a Shakespeare play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre Return via Cotswold towns of Broadway and Chipping Campden		
FRIDAY 10 AUGUST	Depart Gloucester		

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TUESDAY 21 AUGUST			Arrive Portsmouth
WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST	0900- Welcome and Introduction 1030 1100- Lecture: Multicultural Britain 1300	1400- Guided Walking Tour of 1530 historic Portsmouth	
THURSDAY 23 AUGUST	0900- English Language Tuition 1215	1315- English Language Tuition 1630	Optional evening in a Historic waterside pub
FRIDAY 24 AUGUST	0900- English Language Tuition 1215	1315- English Language Tuition 1630	
SATURDAY 25 AUGUST	Free for individual research or Optional visit to London with opportunity to attend a Shakespeare Play at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre		
SUNDAY 26 AUGUST	Free for individual research or Optional visit to the Isle of Wight		
MONDAY 27 AUGUST	0900- English Language Tuition 1215	1315- English Language Tuition 1630	Optional ascent of Spinnaker Tower
TUESDAY 28 AUGUST	0900- English Language Tuition 1330	Free for individual research or Optional visit to Portsmouth's Historic ships and harbour tour	
WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	Optional cinema or Theatre visit
THURSDAY 30 AUGUST	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	
FRIDAY 31 AUGUST	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
SATURDAY 01 SEPTEMBER	0900- Educational visit to Winchester. Visit Cathedral. 1830		
SUNDAY 02 SEPTEMBER	Depart Portsmouth		

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PORTSMOUTH: SUNDAY 26 AUGUST- FRIDAY 07 SEPTEMBER 2012

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DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY 26 AUGUST			Arrive Portsmouth
MONDAY 27 AUGUST	0900- Welcome and Introduction 1030 1100- Lecture: Multicultural Britain 1300	1400- Guided Walking Tour of 1530 historic Portsmouth	
TUESDAY 28 AUGUST	0900- English Language Tuition 1215	1315- English Language Tuition 1630	Optional evening in a Historic waterside pub
WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	
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THURSDAY 06 SEPTEMBER	0900- Educational visit to Winchester. Visit Cathedral. 1830		
FRIDAY 07 SEPTEMBER	Depart Portsmouth		