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2 WEEK COURSE FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

AT PRE-PRIMARY LEVEL (Ages 3-7)

SOUTHAMPTON: SUNDAY 08 JULY-SATURDAY 21 JULY 2012

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

OBJECTIVES: The course aims to provide European teachers of English at pre-primary level with:

- a range of new ideas, practical classroom skills and materials for teaching English to very young learners
- an opportunity to improve their own language skills and to acquire language for the classroom
- an insight into Nursery and Infant School Education in Britain
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from other European countries
- information on Young Children's Lives in Britain

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Workshops on Teaching English as a Foreign Language at Pre-Primary Level – (ages 3-7)** -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.
Plenty of practical ideas will be demonstrated and considered and teachers will be encouraged to participate. Many aspects will be covered including: TPR (Total Physical Response) Activities; games; songs; rhymes and chants; storytelling activities; drawing and craft activities; using pictures; using puppets; The European 'Lingua' Project: Staging Early Foreign Language Learning'; C.L.I.L. (Content and Language Integrated Learning).
A range of ready-made teaching materials will be provided.

The Workshop will include **Aspects of Young children's lives in Britain:** family life, homes, food, celebrations, customs, games, music, television, books, hobbies, pets.
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 Pre-primary Classroom – (½ day)
4. **The Education System:**
 - a lecture and discussion on Education in Britain focusing on Nursery and Infant Schools
 - **day visits to two Infant schools (ages 4-7)** with an opportunity to observe lessons
5. **Discussion session:** Draw comparisons between pre-school education in England and participants' own countries; opportunity for teachers of different nationalities to exchange experiences
6. **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: 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 transport to infant schools
Any optional visits are not included in the price and the cost depends on the number of participants.

(b) **HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION FEE:** 596 Euro to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 13 nights

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 ascertain their level of experience and training, as well as the age groups they teach and any special requirements. Suggestions for pre-course reading are given.

OUTCOMES: By the end of the course participants will have:

- Gained a wide variety of new ideas, skills and materials for teaching English to very young learners
- Updated their knowledge of the English Language, life in Britain and the Education System
- Established links with other teachers from different European countries

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.

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 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 Silvana Rampone (author of "Cross-curricular resources for Young Learners" (O.U.P) and "Cross-curricular projects for the Italian Secondary School" (Cambridge-Loescher)), 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.

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

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DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY 08 JULY			Arrive Southampton
MONDAY 09 JULY	0900- Welcome and Introduction 1030 1100- Lecture and discussion on 1300 Education in England focusing on Nursery & Infant Schools	1400- Guided walking tour of 1530 Historic Southampton	
TUESDAY 10 JULY	0830- Day visit to an Infant School (ages 4-7) 1530 Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		Optional evening in an historic pub
WEDNESDAY 11 JULY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 to Very Young Learners (ages 3-7) including Aspects of Young Children's Lives in Britain	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 to Very Young Learners (ages 3-7).	
THURSDAY 12 JULY	0830- Day visit to an Infant School (ages 4-7) 1530 Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		
FRIDAY 13 JULY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 to Very Young Learners (ages 3-7).	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 to Very Young Learners (ages 3-7).	
SATURDAY 14 JULY	Free for individual research or Optional visit to London or Salisbury & Stonehenge		
SUNDAY 15 JULY	Free for individual research or Optional visit to the Isle of Wight		
MONDAY 16 JULY	0900- English Language Tuition and 1200 feedback discussion on school visits – draw comparisons with pre-school education in the different countries represented and opportunity for teachers of different nationalities to exchange experiences	1300- English Language Tuition 1600	
TUESDAY 17 JULY	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- Classroom Language: 1600 Vocabulary, Expressions & Role Play for the Pre-Primary classroom	
WEDNESDAY 18 JULY	0900- English Language Tuition 1200	1300- English Language Tuition 1600	
THURSDAY 19 JULY	0900- Educational visit to Winchester 1830		
FRIDAY 20 JULY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 to Very Young Learners (ages 3-7).	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 to Very Young Learners (ages 3-7). 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
SATURDAY 21 JULY	Depart Southampton		