

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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1 WEEK COURSES FOR EUROPEAN SECONDARY HEADTEACHERS

SOUTHAMPTON : SUNDAY 04 MARCH-SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2012
SOUTHAMPTON : SUNDAY 07 OCTOBER-SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2012

Headteachers and other Educators from all European countries are invited to attend this course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course aims to provide European Headteachers with:

- an insight into Secondary Education (ages 11-18) in England: the role, responsibilities and problems of a Headteacher, The National Curriculum, School Improvement and Evaluation, etc.
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences and develop links with Headteachers from other European countries
- an opportunity to improve their English language and communication skills.

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Lecture : The Education System:** Recent Developments and Current issues
2. **Language Practice – English for Educators** - 1 day
3. **Day visit to a secondary (comprehensive) School:** Tour of school. Lecture and discussion with the Headteacher on the role, responsibilities, decision-making powers, problems etc. of a Headteacher, funding and all aspects of the management of the school. Opportunity to observe lessons.
4. **Day visit to a secondary school.** Discussion with Headteacher on the National Curriculum, Quality Control and evaluation, Ofsted inspections, the integration of Special Needs pupils, strategies for easing the transition from primary to secondary school, etc. Opportunity to observe lessons.
5. **Lecture & Discussion with a Schools Inspector** on the role of Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education) and on Ofsted School Inspections and the role of School Improvement Partners and National Leaders in Education.
6. **Lecture & Discussion: The Teaching of Modern Languages** - The European Dimension
7. **Opportunity** for participants of different nationalities to **exchange experiences**.
8. **Educational visit: Winchester**

TOTAL PRICE comprises:

- (a) **COURSE FEE: 866 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/colleges
Any optional visits are not included in the price and the cost depends on the number of participants

- (b) **ACCOMMODATION FEE:**

7 nights accommodation (**inclusive of registration fee**) in:

- (i) **Hotel accommodation** – 4 star hotel in central location – Bed & Breakfast only (single rooms ensuite): **679 Euro**

or

- (ii) **Host Family Accommodation** – full board (single rooms not ensuite): **399 Euro** to include:

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

(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).

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)

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 indicate their background and particular interests.

EVALUATION:

At the end of the course educators participate in a detailed evaluation of the course.

FOLLOW UP:

At the end of the course participants are asked to consider which aspects are most relevant to their own situation. They are encouraged to remain in email contact with fellow participants.

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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).

Deadlines: 16 September 2011
30 April 2012?

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

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SOUTHAMPTON: SUNDAY 04 MARCH-SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2012

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DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY 04 MARCH			Arrive Southampton
MONDAY 05 MARCH	0900- Welcome and introduction 1000 1030- Lecture: The Education System: 1315 Recent Developments & Current Issues	1415- Guided walking tour of historic 1545 Southampton	
TUESDAY 06 MARCH	0900- English Language for Educators 1200	1300- English Language for Educators 1600	Optional evening in a traditional pub
WEDNESDAY 07 MARCH	0830- Day visit to a Secondary School 1600 Tour of school. Lecture and Discussion with the Headteacher on the role, responsibilities, decision-making powers, problems, etc. of a Headteacher, funding and all aspects of the management of the school. Observe lessons.		
THURSDAY 08 MARCH	0830- Day visit to a Secondary School 1600 Tour of school. Discussion with the Headteacher on the National Curriculum, Quality control and evaluation, Ofsted inspections, the integration of Special Needs pupils, strategies for easing the transition from primary to secondary school, etc. Observe lessons.		
FRIDAY 09 MARCH	0900- Lecture & Discussion with a 1200 Schools Inspector on the role of Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education) and on Ofsted School Inspections and the role of School Improvement Partners and National Leaders in Education	1300- Lecture & Discussion: 1500 The Teaching of Modern Languages – The European Dimension 1530- Discussion Session: 1630 Feedback on School Visits Opportunity for participants of different nationalities to exchange experiences 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
SATURDAY 10 MARCH	0900- Educational visit to Winchester 1800		
SUNDAY 11 MARCH	Depart Southampton		

The programme content for the **07-14 October 2012** course will be the same as above