

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT & BRITAIN TODAY

COURSES FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AT SECONDARY LEVEL

CHELMSFORD, ENGLAND

1 WEEK: Saturday 24 November - Sunday 02 December 2012 Fee: €837 Accommodation: €432 Total: €1269

2 WEEKS: Sunday 25 November - Friday 07 December 2012 Fee: €1029 Accommodation: €569 Total: €1598

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

These courses are designed for European teachers of English at Secondary level (ages 11 – 18).

Participants will have the opportunity:

- to keep abreast of changes in British Life and Society and the Education System and of new developments in the English Language
- to gain a huge variety of new teaching ideas & motivating materials ready to use in the classroom with the focus on Britain Today.
- to improve/perfect their language skills
- to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from secondary schools in different European countries.

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Workshop on Teaching English as a Foreign Language : Focus on Britain Today**
(4 days on 2 week course; 3 days on 1 week course)

The workshop will provide teaching ideas for creative classroom activities relating to different aspects of Life in Britain Today (e.g. youth culture, popular culture, the media, politics, the royal family, education) and include materials and ideas from the European Lingua Project: "Staging Foreign Language Learning".

Many ready-made teaching materials will be provided and participants will have the opportunity to access and explore a wide variety of educational websites and be given practice in designing classroom materials and activities to suit the particular age and interests of their learners. Participants will present and share the materials they produce. Detailed and creative feedback and guidance will be provided by the course tutor. There will be input on task-based learning for designing classroom activities, including project-based work and film production possibilities for learners. The use of popular films and documentaries will also be explored. By the end of the course, participants will have a range of materials which they will be ready to exploit with their learners.

2. **Advanced Language Practice:** 2 days of language training, giving teachers the opportunity to polish their own language skills and to be updated on new developments in the English Language.
3. **Visit to the Houses of Parliament and London**
4. **Lecture & Discussion: The Education System: Recent Developments & Current Issues** (2 week course only)
5. **Day visit to a secondary School** with an opportunity to observe lessons (2 week course only)
6. **Lecture: Multicultural Britain** (2 week course only)

LOCATION:

CHELMSFORD: Population: 156,000, 37 miles (60 kilometres) north-east of London (30 minutes by rail, 1 hour by coach). The county town of Essex, Chelmsford is a pleasant town in an attractive rural area with many pretty villages. It has good shopping and sports facilities and is very conveniently situated for visits to London as well as to Cambridge, Colchester and the Constable Country.

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. The most convenient airport for Chelmsford is Stansted, as there is a direct bus link to Chelmsford. If arriving at other airports, travel to Chelmsford is via central London.

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 comprises:

(a) **COURSE FEE** (as detailed on Page 1) to include:

Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemized 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** (as detailed on Page 1) to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 8 or 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.

Deadline: 30 April 2012

for courses starting 01 September – 31 December 2012

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2 WEEK COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AT SECONDARY LEVEL

CHELMSFORD: SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 07 DECEMBER 2012

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER			Arrive
MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER	0900- Welcome and introduction 1000 1015- Advanced Language Practice 1315	1400- Advanced Language Practice 1700 & New Developments in English Language	
TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER	0900- Advanced Language Practice 1230	1330- Advanced Language Practice 1630	Optional evening in a traditional pub
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THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER	0900- Workshop on Teaching English as 1230 a Foreign Language: Focus on Britain Today	1330- Workshop on Teaching English as 1630 a Foreign Language: Focus on Britain Today	
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SATURDAY 01 DECEMBER	Free for individual research or Optional visit to Cambridge		
SUNDAY 02 DECEMBER	Free for individual research or Optional visit to London		
MONDAY 03 DECEMBER	0900- Lecture and Discussion: 1200 The English Education System: Recent Developments & Current Issues	1330- Lecture: Multicultural Britain 1530	
TUESDAY 04 DECEMBER	0830- Day visit to a Secondary school 1600 Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		
WEDNESDAY 05 DECEMBER	0900- Workshop on Teaching English as 1230 a Foreign Language: Focus on Britain Today	1330- Workshop on Teaching English as 1630 a Foreign Language: Focus on Britain Today	
THURSDAY 06 DECEMBER	0900- Workshop on Teaching English as 1230 a Foreign Language: Focus on Britain Today	1330- Workshop on Teaching English as 1630 a Foreign Language: Focus on Britain Today 1630- Evaluation session 1730	
FRIDAY 07 DECEMBER	Depart		

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