

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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1 WEEK COURSE FOR PRIMARY or SECONDARY HEADTEACHERS

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND: SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2017

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

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course aims to provide:

- an insight into Primary Education (ages 4-11) and/ or Secondary Education (ages 11-18) in Northern Ireland: the role, responsibilities and problems of a Headteacher, The Northern Ireland Curriculum, School Improvement and Evaluation, etc.
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences and develop links with Headteachers from other European countries

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Lecture : Education in Northern Ireland** (Primary & Secondary)
2. **Workshop on Integrated Education at NICIE (Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education)**
3. **Day visit to a primary or secondary 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 primary or secondary school.** Discussion with headteacher on the Northern Ireland Curriculum, quality control and evaluation, inspections, exams, the integration of special needs pupils, appointing new teachers, monitoring and mentoring newly qualified teachers etc. Opportunity to observe lessons.
5. **Lecture & Discussion** on the role of the Education & Training Inspectorate of Northern Ireland focusing on school development and inspections and on in-service training for primary and secondary school teachers.
6. **Educational Visit to the Northern Ireland Assembly at Stormont**
7. **Opportunity** for participants of different nationalities to **exchange experiences**.
8. **Cultural visit:** Dublin

TOTAL PRICE: 1447 Euro comprising:

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

Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemised above.

NB. Participants are responsible for paying their own daily transport costs, including visits to local schools. Any optional visits are not included in the price and the cost depends on the number of participants.

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

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 7 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).

Alternatively

Hotel accommodation – 4 star hotel in central location – Bed & Breakfast only (single rooms ensuite) is available.

Total fee including course + hotel accommodation: 1734 Euro.

LOCATION:

BELFAST, Northern Ireland: Population: 277,000. Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, is a lively city with excellent shopping and leisure facilities. The seaside resort of Bangor and the Ulster (Open-Air) Folk and Transport Museum are nearby. The beautiful Antrim coast and world famous Giant's Causeway and Dublin are within easy reach. Belfast has two airports: Belfast City (bus to city centre – 20 minutes) or Belfast International (bus to city centre – 40 minutes). There is a direct bus from Dublin Airport.

PAYMENT:

Full payment will be due 2 months before the course begins, or for teachers awaiting funding – as soon as the 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. Applicants are strongly advised to take out cancellation 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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES:

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES has over 30 years' experience in designing teacher development courses for European Ministries of Education, teacher-training institutes and schools and has a well-founded reputation for providing quality courses.

ISP is an experienced provider of European Union funded programmes in the UK. As a course provider with many courses in the former Comenius Database and now in cooperation with many Erasmus+ funded schools, ISP has successfully arranged a wide variety of courses for thousands of European teachers funded by the European Union.

ISP offers an unusually wide variety of teacher development courses, not only for teachers of English and CLIL but also for teachers of other subjects including science, music, art and drama as well as for headteachers and inspectors, in a wide variety of locations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Each course is designed to meet the training needs of specific types of teachers.

ERASMUS+ GRANTS:

Schools may apply for Erasmus+: Key Action 1 funding for their teachers to attend courses in the UK.

(Individual teachers may no longer apply for grants.)

Teachers with Erasmus+ funding and those paying with their own or other funds are welcome to apply for listed ISP courses.

ISP is also pleased to design tailor-made courses to meet the needs of closed groups of teachers from one school.

The annual Erasmus+ deadline is 2 February 2016 for courses starting 1 June 2016 – 31 December 2017, and in February 2017 for courses starting 1 June 2017 – 31 December 2018.

Schools should first register on-line to obtain a Personal Identification Code (PIC) number for the school.

Applications for funding should then be made on-line to applicants' National Agency for Erasmus+.

International Study Programmes will be happy to help with information and advice for your school's Erasmus+ application.

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DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY			Arrive Belfast
MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY	0900- Welcome and introduction 1000 1030- Lecture & discussion: Education 1315 in Northern Ireland	1415- Guided walking tour of Belfast 1545 1600- Visit City Hall 1700	
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY	0900- Workshop on Integrated Education 1200 (mixed schools for Protestants and Catholics) at NICIE (Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education)	1430- Educational visit to the Northern 1700 Ireland Assembly at Stormont	Optional evening in a traditional pub
WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH	0830- Day visit to a Primary School or 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 2 MARCH	0830- Day visit to a Primary School or a Secondary School 1600 Tour of school. Discussion with the headteacher on the Northern Ireland Curriculum, quality control and evaluation, inspections, exams, the integration of special needs pupils, appointing new teachers, monitoring and mentoring newly qualified teachers, etc. Observe lessons.		
FRIDAY 3 MARCH	0900- Lecture & Discussion on the role of 1200 the Education & Training Inspectorate of Northern Ireland focusing on school development and inspections and on in-service training for primary and secondary school teachers	1330- Discussion Session: 1530 Feedback on School Visits Opportunity for participants of different nationalities to exchange experiences 1530- Evaluation Session 1600	
SATURDAY 4 MARCH	0900- Cultural visit to Dublin 1830		
SUNDAY 5 MARCH	Depart Belfast		