

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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REDUCING EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING

Motivating Students to Complete Their Education to Age 16 and Progress to Further Learning, Training & Employment

1 WEEK COURSE FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS AND HEADTEACHERS OF SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

SOUTHAMPTON : SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER-SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 2017

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Reducing Early School Leaving is one of the priorities of the Europe 2020 Strategic Framework for Education and Training. This course aims to provide secondary and vocational school teachers and headteachers with:

- an insight into approaches taken by British secondary schools & vocational colleges to motivate students to remain at school or college and gain qualifications
- an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences relating to reducing early school leaving with teachers and headteachers from other European countries

COURSE CONTENT:

1. **Lecture: The Education System:** National Curriculum, Key Stages, Recent Developments and Current issues.
2. **Day visit to a Secondary school (ages 11-16):** Introduction to the school. Tour of school. Observe lessons. Lecture & Discussion: Strategies to motivate students to remain in school, gain qualifications and continue their education after age 16.
3. **Lecture & Discussion:** Vocational Training in Britain and Vocational Qualifications & Job Opportunities for Young People; Strategies for motivating 14-16 year old students who are likely to be stimulated by a more work-focused learning environment and encouraging them to complete their education to age 16 and progress to further learning, training and employment; Vocational Skills Programmes (VSPs) for students aged 14-16 to gain employability skills.
4. **Day visit to a college which offers vocational training (ages 14+).** Observe lessons in various departments.
5. **Workshop:** Strategies to combat lack of motivation in secondary school students.
6. **Workshop:** The role of new technologies in promoting inclusion for disaffected & marginalised pupils.
7. **Workshop:** Knowledge Exchange & Establish Action Research Partnerships
8. **Educational visit: 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.

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.

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 airports: Southampton (rail to city centre), Heathrow (direct National Express coach to Southampton) or Gatwick (direct coach or rail to Southampton). 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	0044-871 781 81 81
Rail:	www.thetrainline.com	0044-871 244 15 45

There is also a useful website www.traveline.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 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 8 OCTOBER			Arrive Southampton
MONDAY 9 OCTOBER	0900- Welcome and introduction 1015 1030- Lecture: The Education System: 1315 National Curriculum, Key Stages, Recent Developments & Current Issues	1430- Guided walking tour of historic 1600 Southampton	
TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER	0830- Visit a Secondary school (ages 11-16) 1700 Introduction to the school. Tour of school. Observe lessons. 1500 – 1700 Lecture & discussion: Strategies to motivate students to remain in school, gain qualifications and continue their education after age 16.		Optional evening in a traditional pub
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER	0900- Lecture & discussion: 1230 Vocational Training in Britain and Vocational Qualifications & Job Opportunities for Young People; Strategies for motivating 14-16 year old students who are likely to be stimulated by a more work-focused learning environment and encouraging them to complete their education to age 16 and progress to further learning, training and employment; Vocational Skills Programmes (VSPs) for students aged 14-16 to gain employability skills.	1400- Workshop: Strategies to combat 1600 lack of motivation in secondary school students	
THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER	0900- Visit a college which offers vocational training (ages 14+) 1700 Observe lessons in various departments.		
FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER	0900- Workshop: The role of new 1200 technologies in promoting inclusion for disaffected & marginalised pupils	1245- Workshop: Knowledge Exchange & 1545 Establish Action Research Partnerships	
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER	0900- Cultural visit: Winchester 1800		
SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER	Depart Southampton		