

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES**

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### **2 WEEK COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AT PRE-PRIMARY LEVEL (Ages 3-7)**

**GLOUCESTER: SUNDAY 1 JULY – SATURDAY 14 JULY 2018**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

The course aims to provide 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 Training** 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
  - **2 day visits to 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 Bath.**

#### **LOCATION:**

**GLOUCESTER, England:** Population: 105,000; 105 miles (170 kilometres) west of London (2 hours by rail). Gloucester is an ancient city with a magnificent medieval cathedral and cloister, as well as being a lively modern town. The historic docks have been impressively restored to include various museums, shops and cafes. The city is close to the spectacular countryside of the Cotswolds Hills, the Wye Valley and the Forest of Dean.

## **TOTAL PRICE:** 1998 Euro comprising:

### (a) **COURSE** 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** 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 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 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.

The most convenient airports: Birmingham (rail to Gloucester) or Manchester (rail to Gloucester) or Liverpool (airport bus then rail to Gloucester). 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](http://www.nationalexpress.com) 0044-871 781 81 81

**Rail:** [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) 0044-871 244 15 45

There is also a useful website [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info) which will assist in planning a journey within the UK using every form of transport.

## **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.

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)).

## **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 2017 for courses starting 1 June 2017 – 31 December 2018, and in February 2018 for courses starting 1 June 2018 – 31 December 2019.

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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**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY 1 JULY			Arrive Gloucester
MONDAY 2 JULY	0900- Welcome and Introduction 1030  1100- Lecture and discussion on 1315 Education in England focusing on Nursery & Infant Schools	1400- Guided walking tour of 1530 Gloucester	
TUESDAY 3 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 4 JULY	0900- English Language Training and 1200 feedback discussion on school visit – draw comparisons with pre-school education in the different countries represented and opportunity for teachers of different nationalities to exchange experiences	1300- English Language Training 1600	
THURSDAY 5 JULY	0900- English Language Training 1200	1300- Classroom Language: 1600 Vocabulary, Expressions & Role Play for the Pre-Primary classroom	
FRIDAY 6 JULY	0830- Day visit to an Infant School (ages 4-7) 1530 Observe lessons and opportunity for discussion with teachers		
SATURDAY 7 JULY	Free for individual research Optional visit to Oxford		
SUNDAY 8 JULY	Free for individual research Optional visit to Cheltenham		
MONDAY 9 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).	Optional theatre visit
TUESDAY 10 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).	
WEDNESDAY 11 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).	
THURSDAY 12 JULY	0900- Educational visit to Bath 1800		
FRIDAY 13 JULY	0900- English Language Training 1200	1300- English Language Training 1600  1600- Evaluation Session 1700	
SATURDAY 14 JULY	Depart Gloucester		