

INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

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2 WEEK COURSE FOR EUROPEAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND METHODOLOGY MAIDSTONE: Sunday 22 JULY – Saturday 4 AUGUST 2018

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course is designed for European teachers of English (at Secondary level: ages 10 – 19 and to adults).

Participants will have the opportunity:

- to gain a huge variety of teaching ideas & motivating materials ready to use in the classroom
- to improve their English Language Skills
- to exchange ideas and develop links with teachers from different European countries

COURSE CONTENT:

1. English Language Training (4 days)

This course focuses on improving teachers' own language skills: advanced language practice through activities designed to improve intonation, pronunciation and communicative confidence; creative writing & new developments in the English Language.

2. Practical Methodology Workshops on Teaching English as a Foreign Language (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.

The Workshops will explore a wide range of teaching ideas & activities designed to motivate students and make language lessons more enjoyable & worthwhile. Some or all of the following will be included:

- a variety of motivating activities which engage students' imaginations and creativity - innovative role play and drama activities, use of the media, poetry, stories and songs
- motivating mixed ability classes
- creative activities for large classes
- learner styles; differentiation strategies
- increasing motivation and inclusivity in the classroom
- language analysis for teaching
- developing the four skills – particularly integrated tasks
- stimulating ideas for exploiting textbooks
- creative writing activities
- correction and feedback strategies
- evaluation and assessment
- using authentic materials
- grammar activities
- teaching vocabulary
- the Lexical Approach
- task based learning
- cross-curricular language teaching
- using new technologies
- recent developments in English
- relevance of World Englishes and ELF (English as a Lingua Franca) to the language classroom

Teachers will be encouraged to share their own ideas & experiences and to participate in practical activities suitable for students.

A wide range of ready-made teaching materials will be provided.

3. Lecture: The English Education System

4. Educational visits to: London and Canterbury

LOCATION:

MAIDSTONE, England: Population: 140,000; 37 miles (55 kilometres) south-east of London (1 hour by rail).

Maidstone is situated in the beautiful county of Kent within easy reach of London and the coast. It is a pleasant town with various historic buildings including a medieval archbishop's palace. One of its chief attractions is the wealth of charming villages in the surrounding countryside.

TOTAL PRICE: 1998 Euro comprising:

(a) **Course Fee:** to include:

Full programme of study sessions and visits as itemized above.

NB. Participants are responsible for paying their own daily transport costs. Optional visits are not included in the price.

(b) **Host Family Accommodation:** to include:

Full board accommodation with a local family (inclusive of registration fee): 13 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 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.

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: All London Airports (Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton, Stansted, City) – travel to Maidstone via central London. 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.

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 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 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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DAY & DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY 22 JULY			Arrive Maidstone
MONDAY 23 JULY	0900- Welcome and Introduction 1030 1045- Lecture: 'The English Education 1315 System: Recent Developments and Current Issues	1430- Introductory Maidstone Walk and 1630 Reception with Mayor	
TUESDAY 24 JULY	0900- English Language Training 1215	1315- English Language Training 1630	Optional visit to an historic pub
WEDNESDAY 25 JULY	0900- English Language Training 1215	1315- English Language Training 1630	
THURSDAY 26 JULY	0900- Educational visit to London with opportunity to attend a Shakespeare play at 2000 Shakespeare's Globe Theatre (optional)		
FRIDAY 27 JULY	0900- English Language Training 1215	1315- English Language Training 1630	
SATURDAY 28 JULY	Free for Individual research or Optional visit to Leeds Castle		
SUNDAY 29 JULY	Free for Individual research or Optional visit to Hastings & Rye		
MONDAY 30 JULY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	
TUESDAY 31 JULY	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language	
WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST	0900- English Language Training 1215	1315- English Language Training and New 1630 Developments in the English Language	
THURSDAY 2 AUGUST	0900- Workshop on Teaching English 1230 as a Foreign Language	1330- Workshop on Teaching English 1630 as a Foreign Language 1630- Evaluation Session 1730	
FRIDAY 3 AUGUST	0900- Educational visit to Canterbury 1830		
SATURDAY 4 AUGUST	Depart Maidstone		