

# ERASMUS+ COURSE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STAFF ENGLISH LANGUAGE & IRISH CULTURE

Discover more about Ireland while improving your English language skills in Galway, situated on the Wild Atlantic Way. With this course you can develop your confidence in English while also learning about Irish culture and society.

## COURSE OUTLINE

English Language and Irish Culture will help you to build confidence in reading, writing, and speaking in English while gaining knowledge about a new culture. This course blends content driven lessons with language to develop communication skills with others on the topic of their country's culture and traditions. During this course participants will examine key aspects of life in Ireland through presentations, tasks, research, songs and interaction with Local people and the unique culture of this area in the West of Ireland.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

### Overall objectives of the mobility

- To gain an understanding of Irish Culture, Traditions and Contemporary Life in Ireland.
- To enhance communication skills to interact effectively with English Speakers.
- To explore aspects of the culture that interest you.
- To deepen your knowledge & understanding of this topic with the view to presenting to or teaching others.

**Added value of the mobility** As well as improving your English language ability you will also have the opportunity to learn about Irish culture and compare it to other European contexts. By connecting with participants from all over Europe, you will benefit from sharing experiences and expertise. The mobility offers valuable networking opportunities for future collaboration between individuals and institutions.

### Activities to be carried out

Engaging language classes to develop grammatical knowledge and build vocabulary  
Participation in communicative classes – building fluency with speaking activities.  
Task or project-based learning using Irish Cultural topics to develop English language communication skills. Cultural and Heritage Trips as a chaperoned group

**Expected outcomes and impact** This course provides a valuable opportunity to refresh English language skills through the medium of culture-based lessons. Participants will also gain confidence from using their English skills to take part in international group classes. The course also helps to build inter-cultural awareness by encouraging participants to compare their countries' culture and traditions with those of Ireland.

## CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The courses are delivered in Atlantic Centre of Education in Galway on Ireland's 'Wild Atlantic' Coast, and participants will have ample opportunity to learn about the cultural heritage of both Ireland and the local area. The programme includes a full-day cultural tour to a local area of scenic and heritage value, a guided historical walking tour of Galway city, and afternoon social and cultural activities. Our staff are happy to suggest other tours and events to enjoy during your stay in Galway.

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### Suitable for:

Administrative or Teaching Staff  
working in the European  
Education Sector

### Minimum Level of English

B1 (CEFR)

### Programme Length

5 days tuition (Monday – Friday) +  
1 full-day activity  
25 hours

### Certification

Certification of Participation and  
Attendance

### Documents Provided

STT Invitation letter, Europass,  
Work Plan (on request),  
Certificate



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# SAMPLE TIMETABLE

\*SUGGESTED TIMETABLE ONLY, ACTUAL CONTENT MAY VARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Full-Day Excursion on Wild Atlantic Way</b>  Options include;  Connemara Aran Islands Cliffs of Moher	Life in Ireland	What is Ireland Famous for?	A Brief Introduction to Irish History	Importance of Music in Ireland	Reflection & Review
	Questions for an Irish Person about Ireland	Irish Culture Around the World	The Celts	Contemporary Irish Music	What we have Learned
	General Knowledge Quiz	Origins of Halloween	The Famine & The Legacy of Immigration	Traditional Music in Ireland	Presentation of Research Gathered
	Research Groups & Task Allocation	Recent Issues in Contemporary Ireland	Irish Independence	Falling in love with Irish Dance	Feedback & Review
	Indirect Question Forms when Interviewing Irish People.	Significant Changes in Recent Years	Northern Ireland; Complex History & Society	Learning English Through Songs & Music	
		Hedging & Generalised Statements	The Irish Language + Irish English		
	Walking Tour of Galway	Pub Night	"Skills Boost" Wednesday Workshop	Irish Culture Workshop	Explore Galway Interactive Tour

## COURSE DATES

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	3-7 17-21	3-7 10-14	7-11 14-18 28-2 May	5-9 12-16 26-30	2-6 9-13 23-27 30-4 Jul	7-11 21-25	4-8 18-22 25-29	15-19 22-26	13-17	3-7	8-12