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Course information

Title	The Irish Education System: Study Visits in Dublin
Concept by	<u>David Baroni</u>
Course URL	<u>teacheracademy.eu/course/study-visit-dublin/</u>
N. of participants	Min. 4 - Max. 14
Course length	One week (6 days, Monday - Saturday)
Language	English. Other languages may be available upon request
Locations and starting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Dublin</u> - Fourth Monday of the month <p>On request, we can organize this course directly at your school. Discover all the dates at <u>teacheracademy.eu/courses-dates/</u></p>
Free time activities offered	All courses include at least one city guided tour and one full-day Cultural Activity.
Type of certification awarded	Certificate of Attendance, including a description of the course contents (80% of attendance required); other Certificates may be available upon request
Price	<p>Starting from 480€ *</p> <p>* Our courses are eligible to be completely funded by the <u>Erasmus+ KA1 funds</u> and several other programs.</p>

Course contents

Description

Ireland's educational system is unique in Europe. Children start school at the age of four and attend primary school for eight years. Many Irish secondary schools offer a transition year. During this time, students don't attend formal classes. Instead, they do internships and project work. Here they have the opportunity to learn important skills for their later life. Students can be as young as 17 years when starting to go to college. Irish graduate students commonly receive their Ph.D. degrees at the age of 25.

During this course, you will get to know the Irish educational system in detail. You will visit Irish schools and institutes, you will watch teacher's lessons, and there will be discussions with headmasters, teachers and students about school life and the Irish educational system. There might be possibilities to make connections between principals and participants during the school visits to initiate future Erasmus+ projects. In addition, we will provide lectures and workshops to prepare for the visits, focussing on the Irish educational system, culture and history.

Learning outcomes

The course will help the participants learn and enhance their knowledge about the Irish educational system, daily school life and the Irish civilization. An important aim of the course is to facilitate language experience and cultural exchange between European participants and Irish staff, leading to a truly international experience.

Tentative schedule*

Day 1 – Course introduction	Day 2 - The Irish Educational System
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the course, the school, and the external week activities;• Icebreaker activities;• Presentations of the participants' schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture about the Irish Educational System;• Workshop;• Differences between the Irish and the participants' systems;• Introduction to the schools to visit;• Preparing questions to ask the students and host teachers.
Day 3 - First school visit	Day 4 - A special tour of Dublin
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School visits I;• Discussion of the visits;• What is different? What is amazing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural activities: A special tour of Dublin for teachers and educators;• Possible choices: Dublin Botanic Garden, Dublin museums (Project-based), Malahide Castle & Howth and Dun Laoghaire & Dalkey;• Trinity College & Book of Kells.
Day 5 - Second school visit	Day 6 - Course closure & excursion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School visits II;• Discussion of the visits;• What is different? What is amazing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course evaluation: round-up of acquired competencies, feedback, and discussion;• Awarding of the course Certificate of Attendance;• Excursion to the Wicklow Mountains and Glendalough National Park and Monastic Settlement.

*The schedule describes likely activities but may differ significantly based on the requests of the participants, and the trainer delivering the specific session. Course modifications are subject to the trainer's discretion. If you would like to discuss a specific topic, please indicate it at least 4 weeks in advance.

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