



English language and culture for the primary school teacher

Durham, England
18 - 24 March 2018



Supporting foreign language learning in the 21st century primary classroom – a course for teachers of English in primary schools.

Take advantage of opportunities under the Erasmus+ programme (KA1) to attend a 7 day course in the heart of historic County Durham, UK.

Aims

- Develop English language for the primary classroom;
- Apply exciting and innovative classroom-based language learning methods, specially adapted for the primary classroom (ages 4-11);
- Attend a special teachers' workshop at The National Centre for Children's Books: <http://www.sevenstories.org.uk/>
- Learn games, songs and try activities which are suitable for primary aged children;
- Use modern and affordable ICT equipment and software for fun language learning activities;
- Visit a UK primary school;
- Develop an understanding of Britain today and the English education system;
- Create a network of teachers for future collaborative projects using eTwinning and potentially Erasmus+ (Key Action 2).

Dates **18 - 24 March 2018**

Venue **St Chad's College, Durham University**
England's third oldest university
<https://www.stchads.ac.uk/>



Costs

Course fee: €350 per participant for 5 days, including all tuition and resources

Residential cost: €840 per participant – 6 nights' accommodation and all meals

Participants of ERASMUS+ Key Action 1 funding should be able to cover the cost from within the limits set by the European Commission.

Provisional programme includes

- English language tuition in small groups, including fun and dynamic activities to use in the language classroom;
- Discussion with teachers from across the EU around new approaches in primary language teaching;
- Interactive workshop on the use of story books in the classroom to engage and enthuse young language learners
- Engagement with a local school;
- Use of simple ICT tools to motivate pupils;
- Cultural excursions to collect authentic classroom resources.

18 March	Transport will be provided from Newcastle airport and Durham railway station to course venue. Dinner on arrival
19 March	Initial assessment of delegates' levels in English Exchange of approaches to primary language teaching Use of new technologies in language teaching English language tuition Lesson planning
20 March	English language tuition – use of songs and games in the classroom Resourcing the curriculum Evaluating pupil progress - discussion Interactive group session – use of the interactive whiteboard
21 March	English language tuition Afternoon in English primary school Interactive group session – use of digital recorders Social evening with UK primary teachers
22 March	The Harry Potter effect – using literary texts to support early language learning Site visit to Durham Cathedral Storytelling session; use of big books
23 March	English language tuition Visit to national centre for storytelling and children's books* Group work and delegates present their lesson plan Completion of Europass certificates End of course dinner
24 March	Delegates depart - return transport is provided to local airport.

* Excursion destinations may change

Certificates

Delegates will undertake self-assessment using the EUROPASS tool. Attendees will be presented with a course certificate to demonstrate that they have taken a full part in all aspects of the course.

About Durham

Durham City is a medieval town in North East England; close to Newcastle airport. It is the seat of England's third oldest university, the dramatic location for the UNESCO World Heritage Site cathedral and castle and also one of the film locations for the Harry Potter film series.

Accommodation will be in single study bedrooms at St Chad's College. All bedrooms are en suite. Meals will be taken in college or will be provided by the course organiser in external venues.

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The local authority's international office has brought together university colleagues, primary practitioners, English teachers and ICT specialists to provide a well-balanced programme which allows time for reflection, consideration of new pedagogical approaches and develops English language skills.

For further information or to book your place, please contact europa.direct@durham.gov.uk
Places are limited and early application is strongly recommended.

