

**SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY – SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2027**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT**  
**DUBLIN, IRELAND**

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| <b>Sunday 14 February</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                            | Arrival of participants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Evening                    | <b>Welcome Reception.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Monday 15 February</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                            | <b>Venue for Classes:</b><br><b>Teachers Club, 36 Parnell Square W, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01 T6V6</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 09:00-09:30                | <b>Morning assembly. Ballad Song Book.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 09:30-10:00                | <b>Introduction of participants, course objectives and agenda..</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:00-11:15                | <b>Workshop 1: Getting to know each other [Group splits in two] Patrick/Daniel</b><br>Getting to know each other through games and activities. Workshop designed for everyone to share and speak out loud about themselves. Ask questions and to have the opportunity to meet all the other participants in a relaxed learning environment. |
|                            | <b>Workshop 2: Language Focus: Guinness and Dublin!</b><br>Using pictures, images and adverts as a basis for opportunities for language learning and development.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11:15-11:45                | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11:45-13:15                | <b>Workshops 1&amp; 2 (Groups change)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 13:15                      | Lunch and Discovery Task Dublin explained.<br>Take part in the Discovery Hunt around the streets of Dublin. Find out about Dublin's past and present on the streets of this wonderful town. (in Families)                                                                                                                                   |
| 16:00                      | Learning Log and Self reflection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Evening                    | Free dinner and evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 16 February</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 09:00-09:30                | Assembly. Ballad song book and Family Presentations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 09.30-11:00                | <b>Workshop 3: Developing language and listening skills.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                            | <b>Workshop 4: Creating Community. Team building and group work to lay the foundation to building a community of practice.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                            | <b>Workshop 5: Colourful Conversations - where Art meets Language"</b><br>Using art and thinking routines to express ideas, to promote critical thinking, empathy, social and cultural awareness, to interpret and to be creative.                                                                                                          |
| 11:00-11:30                | Coffee break ( <b>switch groups</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11:30-13:00                | <b>Workshop 3: Developing language and listening skills.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 14:00-15:30 | <p><b>Workshop 3:</b> Developing language and listening skills.</p> <p><b>Workshop 4:</b> Creating Community. Team building and group work to lay the foundation to building a community of practice.</p> <p><b>Workshop 5:</b> Colourful Conversations - where Art meets Language"<br/>Using art and thinking routines to express ideas, to promote critical thinking, empathy, social and cultural awareness, to interpret and to be creative. Moira</p> |
| 15:30-16:00 | Learning Log and Self reflection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Evening     | Free dinner and evening                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| <b>Wednesday 17 February</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 09:00 - 09:30                | Morning Assembly. Ballad song book. Family Presentations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 09.30 - 11:00                | <p><b>Workshop 6:</b> "Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí" ("Praise the youth and they flourish")<br/>Playing with Proverbs. Making cultural connections - learning from and creating with each other to enhance confidence and fluency.</p> <p><b>Workshop 7:</b> Stories in Action. Exploring and learning how to use role play, improvisation and mime with stories.</p> <p><b>Workshop 8:</b> Improving fluency through Oracy [reading and authentic short film]</p>        |
| 11:00-11:30                  | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 13:00 -14:00                 | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 14:00-15:00                  | <b>Workshop 6: Language Focus:</b> "Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí" ("Praise the youth and they flourish") Playing with Proverbs. Making cultural connections - learning from and creating with each other to enhance confidence and fluency.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| 17:30                       | <b>Workshop 8:</b> Improving fluency through Oracy [reading and authentic short film]                                                                                                |
| Evening                     | <b>Irish Dancing Workshop</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
|                             | Learning Log and Self Reflection                                                                                                                                                     |
|                             | Free dinner and evening (pocket money provided).                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Thursday 18 February</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 09:00-09:30                 | Assembly. Ballad song book. Family Presentations.                                                                                                                                    |
| 09:30-12:30                 | <b>Workshop 9:</b> Wellbeing in the classroom and beyond Looking after ourselves, our learners and our colleagues.                                                                   |
|                             | <b>Workshop 10: Teacher Toolkit</b><br>Games in the classroom to make learning engaging and fun for both linguistic and non-linguistic content. Ideas to take back to the classroom. |
|                             | <b>Workshop 11:</b> Music for the Primary classroom<br>Getting prepared for the afternoon session.                                                                                   |
| 12:30-13:00                 | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 13.00-14.00                 | Learning in Action in the <b>National Gallery of Ireland</b><br>Investigating the role of art and museums in the classroom.<br><b>Address: Merrion Square W, Dublin 2, D02 K303.</b> |
| Evening                     | <b>Group Dinner.</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Friday 19 February</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 09:00 - 09:30             | Assembly. Ballad song book. Family Presentations                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 09:30-12:45               | Bringing it all together and presenting our ideas or lessons plans to take back to school. Market place presentations connecting Dublin and Irish Culture to our schools and our classrooms.<br><br>- Evaluation Questionnaire<br>- Feedback<br><br><b>End of course</b> |
| 12:45-14:00               | Lunch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 14:00-15:30               | <b>Workshop 12:</b> Irish Playground games<br>Use the visual clues to teach your classmates a playground game, before taking it back to your own schools.                                                                                                                |

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|                             | Optional visit (at participant's own expense) to:<br><br><b>Book of Kells at Trinity College Dublin.</b><br>Tickets can be booked in advance at:<br><a href="https://www.visittrinity.ie/book-of-kells-experience/">https://www.visittrinity.ie/book-of-kells-experience/</a> |
| Evening                     | Free dinner and evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Saturday 20 February</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                             | Departure of participants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**Course Objectives:**

- To update participants' English language skills through formal and informal conversation, grammar, speaking, listening, reading and writing activities
- To enhance participants' language learning and teaching methodology
- To develop cultural awareness and understanding of Ireland/the British Isles
- To promote the exchange of teaching practices and develop ideas for use in the Classroom
- To enhance participants' professional development and encourage them to reflect on personal practice