

## Blended Learning Structured Course:

### “Activate your English for Teaching (B1+, B2)”

#### Who is this course for?

This course is for **teachers** who have a B1+ or B2 level of English and wish to develop their communicative skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing), in a practical way, enriching their oral fluency, vocabulary and pronunciation especially, while increasing their confidence in the use of English as a means of international communication to allow them to interact with confidence in class and in everyday situations.

Our **Blended Learning Structured Course** is best suited for participants who want greater flexibility of time, place, and pace, due to personal, professional, or international circumstances. For this reason, the course is organised in two main segments: during the **virtual segment** you will learn from the comfort of your home, meeting, watching, chatting and interacting in online live sessions with your tutor and course colleagues. During the **face-to-face segment** you will spend an enriching training period in Ireland, where you will continue to develop your communication skills and your learning, and combine them with insights into the reality, culture and people of Ireland as a European country.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course has been designed to help teachers with a B1+ or B2 level of English (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - CEFR) to develop their communicative competence in English.

Through a combination of English-focused classes, workshops, and field projects, you will enhance your language skills in English (listening, speaking, reading and writing), with a special focus on oral communication. You will also develop insights into the culture and way of life of Ireland, in order to bring real life to the classroom context and as inspiration for creating learning content through contexts. You will have the opportunity to explore topics such as music and folklore, traditional food, and significant milestones, among others, which will allow you to open your senses to the sights, smells and sounds of the Irish world

#### Objectives:

- Help participants to improve their language skills, especially oral communication, and be able to incorporate English into classroom situations and daily life.
- Encourage participants to create didactic materials motivated by the natural curiosity and awareness inspired by immersion in the host country's culture.
- Provide opportunities to interact with colleagues of other nationalities, and exchange ideas and experiences.
- Motivate participants to develop their communication skills through their participation in the course and as preparation for their involvement in future European experiences.



## Methodology:

Our Blended Learning methodology offers you great flexibility by combining interactive online live sessions at home and a face-to-face training period in Ireland.

Participants will enjoy an effective combination of training formats (e.g. workshops, group discussion, project-based learning, field projects 'Contexts4Content'). Participants will interact with their tutors and with each other to develop their communicative skills through insights into the culture, history and people of the host country, during the several stages of the course, including the 4-day enriching training stay of the course in Ireland. They will enjoy also to have the opportunity to share their experience and ideas with colleagues from a variety of European countries.

## How does this Blended Learning Course work?

This blended learning course is structured in **three practical stages**. The combination of these stages will help integrate the development of language and communicative skills with immersion in Irish culture, resulting in an enjoyable, practical, and experiential learning:

- The **1<sup>st</sup> stage** will allow participants benefit from 4 interactive online live sessions, allowing them to connect with their tutor and fellow participants while developing their language skills by paying special attention to pronunciation, vocabulary, and fluency in oral communication.
- The **2<sup>nd</sup> stage** will allow participants to enjoy an enriching 4-day training period in Dublin (Ireland), combining more practical training activities and field projects "Contexts4Content".
- The **3<sup>rd</sup> stage** will conclude the course with a final online live session for presentation of portfolios, feedback and reflection about the learning achieved.

This combination of stages will help integrate the development of language and communicative skills and the immersion in Irish culture, resulting in an enjoyable and fruitful learning experience.

**During the online stage at home**, the communicative nature of the course, with plenty of interaction with your tutor and colleagues, will allow you to improve and advance your English, by video conferencing and live workshops with tutor/s and colleagues. You will also have access to our dedicated virtual platform allowing self-access for autonomous learning throughout the course, adding extra flexibility to your learning experience.

**During the 4 days of training in Ireland** you will further develop your language skills with real experiences, practical/hands-on activities and field projects "Contexts4Content" which will also help you to explore Irish culture as the basis for creating authentic teaching materials for your students, while enhancing your communication skills and adding perspective through interaction and dialogue with fellow participants.

## Reference programme of the course:

In the table below, you can see the display of our **Blended Learning Structured Course** (4 Online live sessions + 4 Training days in Ireland + 1 Final online live session), compared to our **7-day Structured Course**, both with similar objectives, themes, and activities. In this way, similarities between the two courses can be appreciated:

Reference programmes: ACTIVATE YOUR ENGLISH FOR TEACHING (Dublin, Ireland)	
Blended Learning Structured Course (4 Online + 4 days in Ireland + 1 Final Online)	7-day Full-Time Course in Ireland (from Sunday to Saturday in Ireland)
<p><b>I. ONLINE LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS (4 sessions):</b></p> <p>Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning &amp; Professional Development European Dimension Welcome to my world – Customs, Traditions and Food Socialising around the World I</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> Registration. Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning &amp; Professional Development European Dimension</p>
<p><b>II. FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING IN IRELAND (4 days):</b></p> <p><b>Monday</b> Memories from the Past Ireland Past and Present Field Project ‘Contexts4Content’</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> Icons of Dublin Storytelling, Myths and Legends Field Project ‘Contexts4Content’</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Socialising around the World II – Social Media Environmental Issues</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> The Power of Education... Field project “Contexts4Content”</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> Welcome to my world – Customs, Traditions and Food Socialising around the World I Field Project “Contexts4Content”</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> Memories from the Past Ireland Past and Present</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Icons of Dublin Storytelling, Myths and Legends Field project “Contexts4Content”</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> Socialising around the World II – Social Media Environmental Issues</p> <p><b>Friday</b> The Power of Education Field project “Contexts4Content”</p>
<p><b>III. ONLINE LIVE SESSION ON FEEDBACK &amp; PRESENTATION OF LEARNING (1 Final Session):</b></p> <p>Presentation of participants' learning portfolios Final reflection on learning acquired Reflection about Dissemination Strategies Evaluation of the programme</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> Presentation of participants' learning portfolios Final reflection on learning acquired Reflection about Dissemination Strategies Evaluation of the programme.</p>

**NOTE:** These Reference programmes may be subject to amendment. Such amendment, if necessary, would be kept to a minimum, consistent with the quality and balance of the programme.



## DATES

### Blended Learning Structured Course

Place: **Dublin (Ireland)**

Language of communication: **English**

Duration: **4 Online sessions + 4 Training days in Ireland + 1 Final Online session**

Blended Learning courses - Dates	
<b>Training period</b>	4 Online sessions in June 2021 4 training days <b>in Ireland: 21-24 June 2021</b> 1 Online final session in June 2021
<b>Training period</b>	4 Online sessions in September 2021 4 training days <b>in Ireland: 25-28 October 2021</b> 1 Online final session in November 2021
<b>Training period</b>	4 Online sessions in May 2022 4 training days <b>in Ireland: 23-26 May 2022</b> 1 Online final session in June 2022
<b>Training period</b>	4 Online sessions in June 2022 4 training days <b>in Ireland: 20-23 June 2022</b> 1 Online final session in June 2022
<b>Training period</b>	4 Online sessions in September 2022 4 training days <b>in Ireland: 24-27 October 2022</b> 1 Online final session in November 2022
<b>Training period</b>	4 Online sessions in May 2023 4 training days <b>in Ireland: 22-25 May 2023</b> 1 Online final session in June 2023
<b>Training period</b>	4 Online sessions in June 2023 4 training days <b>in Ireland: 19-22 June 2023</b> 1 Online final session in June 2023
<b>Training period</b>	4 Online sessions in September 2022 4 training days <b>in Ireland: 23-26 October 2023</b> 1 Online final session in November 2023

## TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARDED

Certification of learning outcomes in connection with the “Quality standards for courses under Erasmus+ KA1”: Europass and Certificate of Attendance which include the name of the participant, description of the course and its learning outcomes, dates, venues, the name of the host organisation and course director.

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