

Blended Learning Structured Course:

“INNOVATIVE METHODOLOGIES FOR TEACHING & LEARNING”

Who is this course for?

The course is designed for **teachers** of Primary, Secondary, Vocational and Adult Education sectors who feel the need to expand their teaching repertoire and would like to innovate their methodological strategies. Teachers will have the opportunity to analyse approaches, exponents, and examples of innovative relevance, preparing them for the creation of materials, tasks and learning experiences for their students, within an active learning environment.

This **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 through interactive online live sessions conducted by your tutor. During the face-to-face segment you will spend an enriching training period in Ireland, where you will continue exploring innovative methodologies and combine your learning with insights into the reality and culture of Ireland as a European country.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce a selection of innovative methodologies for 21st Century teaching and learning, from a practical point of view. For example, Universal Design for Learning, Game-Based Learning and Gamification, Digital Competence Framework, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Project-based Learning, etc.)

Innovations are driven by a desire for excellence and continuous improvement, and the way we teach (our methodology) should provide meaningful and effective learning opportunities for students. Moving on from the sage on the stage towards being the guide on the side, teachers need to create a bridge between established teaching approaches and innovative paths of doing things in a more suitable way for the times we live in. Participants will appreciate how education can be approached from a variety of perspectives to discover new pathways for teaching and learning, during a time of educational change.

Objectives:

- Present a panorama of innovative and effective methodologies for the development of successful learning experiences.
- Help participants to use innovative tools, techniques, and strategies as a supporting part of the foundation of quality learning and teaching processes.
- Assist participants in developing digital skills for implementation of innovative methodologies for teaching.
- Encourage participants to create and adapt didactic materials as a bridge between theory and practice when implementing innovative teaching methodologies.
- 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 online live sessions at home and a face-to-face training period in Ireland.

By means of an effective use of training formats (e.g. workshops, group discussion, project-based learning, field projects 'Contexts4Content') you will explore a number of innovative methodologies for teaching as well as the culture and reality of the host country, during the 4-day enriching training period of the course in Ireland. All this will help to create learning, motivation and natural curiosity that invites communication and so also develop competence in the use of English, the language of instruction of this course.

Participants will form part of a learning opportunity that mirrors a practical, effective and authentic experience after which they will understand a number of innovative methodologies, be able to adapt them to their teaching context and create successful learning experiences for their students.

How does this Blended Learning course work?

This blended learning course is structured in **three stages**. The efficient combination of these stages will help build a holistic vision of innovative educational methodologies, as well as of Irish culture, from several enriching perspectives:

- The 1st stage will be carried out through 4 interactive online live sessions conducted by course tutor/s who will help participants to learn from home about innovative methodological frameworks and practical examples.
- The 2nd stage will allow participants to enjoy an enriching 4-day training period in Dublin (Ireland), combining further development of the course content with more practical training activities and field projects "Contexts4Content".
- The 3rd stage will conclude the course with a final online live session for presentation of portfolios, feedback and reflection about the learning achieved.

During the online stage at home, you will gain an understanding of key methodological trends through interaction with your tutor and course colleagues, by video conferencing and live-streaming workshops. During the course, participants will also have access to our dedicated virtual platform allowing self-access for autonomous learning. This will add extra flexibility to the course.

During the 4 days of training in Ireland you will expand your learning about methodologies with hands-on activities, experiences, and field projects "Contexts4Content" which will also help you to explore Irish culture as a 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: INNOVATIVE METHODOLOGIES FOR TEACHING & LEARNING (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>I. ONLINE LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS (4 sessions):</p> <p>Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework 21st Century Skills Digital Competence for Teaching Content and Language Integrated Learning</p>	<p>Sunday Registration. Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Building your Learning Portfolio.</p>
<p>II. FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING IN IRELAND (4 days):</p> <p>Monday Building your Learning Portfolio Universal Design for Learning Project-Based Learning Field Project 'Contexts4Content'</p> <p>Tuesday Cooperative Learning Game-Based Learning Field Project 'Contexts4Content'</p> <p>Wednesday Literacy across the curriculum Curriculum Issues of Concern for Teachers</p> <p>Thursday Innovation in Assessment & Learning Field Project 'Contexts4Content'</p>	<p>Monday 21st Century Skills Field Project "Contexts4Content".</p> <p>Tuesday Digital Competence for Teaching Content and Language Integrated Learning Cooperative Learning</p> <p>Wednesday Literacy across the curriculum Universal Design for Learning Field project "Contexts4Content"</p> <p>Thursday Project-Based Learning Game-Based Learning Innovation in Assessment & Learning</p> <p>Friday Curriculum Issues of Concern for Teachers Field project "Contexts4Content"</p>
<p>III. ONLINE LIVE SESSION ON FEEDBACK & PRESENTATION OF LEARNING (1 Final Session):</p> <p>European Dimension & Dissemination strategies Presentation of Learning Portfolios. Evaluation</p>	<p>Saturday European Dimension & Dissemination strategies Presentation of Learning Portfolios. Evaluation</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

A) Blended Learning Structured Course

Place: **Dublin (Ireland)**

Language of communication: **English**

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

Training period in Ireland starts on Monday morning (09:00) and finishes on Thursday (17:30 approximately).

Blended Learning courses - Dates	
Option 1	4 Online sessions in May 2021 4 training days in Ireland: 24-27 May 2021 1 Online final session in June 2021
Option 2	4 Online sessions in June 2021 4 training days in Ireland: 21-24 June 2021 1 Online final session in June 2021
Option 3	4 Online sessions in September 2021 4 training days in Ireland: 25-28 October 2021 1 Online final session in November 2021

B) 7-day Structured Course in Ireland (7 Training days in Ireland)

Place: **Dublin (Ireland)**

Language of communication: **English**

Duration (days): **7 training days in Ireland**

Course starts on Sunday evening (16:00) and finishes on Saturday noon (12:30 approximately).

Dates in 2021	Dates in 2022
23 - 29 May 2021 Dublin · 7 training days	20 - 26 February 2022 Dublin · 7 training days
20 - 26 June 2021 Dublin · 7 training days	22 - 28 May 2022 Dublin · 7 training days
24 - 30 October 2021 Dublin · 7 training days	19 - 25 June 2022 Dublin · 7 training days

TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARDED

Europass and Certificate of attendance with description of training content and time input (40 hours).