

Blended Learning Structured Course

“English for Teachers (A2-B1)”

Dublin (Ireland)

Who is this course for?

This course is for **teachers** who have an A2 or low B1 level of English and want to develop their language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing), with a focus on pronunciation, vocabulary, and fluency in oral communication.

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 through interactive online live sessions conducted by your tutor. During the **mobility segment** you will spend an enriching training period **in Ireland**, where you will continue to develop your communication skills in English and combine your learning with insights into the reality, culture, and people of Ireland.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will help teachers with an A2 to B1 level of English (according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - CEFR) to develop their communicative competence in English and will assist them to interact with confidence in class and in everyday situations.

Through a combination of English-focused classes, workshops, and field projects, you will explore Irish culture which will bring real life to the classroom context and will help you to develop your skills in English (listening, speaking, reading and writing), with a special focus on oral communication. You will also join in on field projects ‘Contexts4Content’ to places of historical, geographical, and environmental significance within the Irish heritage and way of life and use this as inspiration for creating learning content through Irish contexts.

Objectives:

- To help teachers with an A2 level towards a B1 level of English to develop their language skills, oral fluency, vocabulary, and pronunciation, and improve their use of English as a means of communication.
- To help teachers to incorporate their communicative skills in English into class and in everyday situations.
- To provide opportunities to interact with colleagues of other nationalities, and exchange ideas and experiences.
- To promote a European and international dimension in education by raising participants' awareness and understanding of other cultures and countries.



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.

By means of an effective combination of training formats (e.g., workshops, group discussion, project-based learning, field projects 'Contexts4Content') participants will develop their communicative skills in a very natural way by interacting with their tutors and with each other. They will also have the opportunity of combining what they have learned from the interactive online sessions at home, with insights into the reality of culture, way of life and people, during the 4-day enriching training period of the course in Ireland.

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 **1st stage** will allow participants benefit from 4 interactive online live sessions conducted by course tutor/s who will help participants to develop their language skills by paying special attention to speaking and fluency in oral communication.
- The **2nd 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 **3rd 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, will allow you to improve your English by means of online live sessions through video conferencing with tutor/s and colleagues, and live workshops. You will also have access to our dedicated virtual platform for autonomous learning.

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 allow you to explore Irish culture 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** (also available), both with similar objectives, themes, and activities. In this way, similarities between the two courses can be appreciated:

Reference programmes: “English for Teachers (A2-B1)” - Dublin, Ireland	
Blended Learning Structured Course (4 Online + 4 days in Ireland + 1 Final Online)	7-day Structured Course in Ireland (from Sunday to Saturday in Ireland)
<p>I. ONLINE LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS (4 sessions):</p> <p>Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning & Professional Development European Dimension Life in School – School in my country Life outside School – My Free Time</p>	<p>Sunday Registration. Fundamentals: principles, structure, framework Tools for reflection on learning & Professional Development European Dimension</p>
<p>II. MOBILITY TRAINING PERIOD IN IRELAND (4 days):</p> <p>Monday Where do you live? What’s for Lunch? Field Project ‘Contexts4Content’</p> <p>Tuesday Talking about the weather Climate Change Field Project ‘Contexts4Content’</p> <p>Wednesday Work and Professions My life as a teacher</p> <p>Thursday Future Adventures Field project “Contexts4Content”</p>	<p>Monday Life in School – School in my country Life outside School – My Free Time Field Project “Contexts4Content”</p> <p>Tuesday Where do you live? What’s for Lunch?</p> <p>Wednesday Talking about the weather Climate Change Field project “Contexts4Content”</p> <p>Thursday Work and Professions My life as a teacher</p> <p>Friday Future Adventures Field project “Contexts4Content”</p>
<p>III. ONLINE LIVE SESSION ON FEEDBACK & PRESENTATION OF LEARNING (1 Final Session):</p> <p>Presentation of participants' learning portfolios Final reflection on learning acquired Reflection about Dissemination Strategies Evaluation of the programme</p>	<p>Saturday 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

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Place: **Dublin (Ireland)**

Language of communication: **English**

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

Blended Learning courses - Dates	
Training period	4 Online sessions in May 2024 4 training days in Ireland: 20-23 May 2024 1 Online final session in May 2024
Training period	4 Online sessions in June 2024 4 training days in Ireland: 17-20 June 2024 1 Online final session in June 2024
Training period	4 Online sessions in September 2024 4 training days in Ireland: 21-24 October 2024 1 Online final session in November 2024
Training period	4 Online sessions in May 2025 4 training days in Ireland: 19-22 May 2025 1 Online final session in May 2025
Training period	4 Online sessions in June 2025 4 training days in Ireland: 23-26 June 2025 1 Online final session in June 2025
Training period	4 Online sessions in October 2025 4 training days in Ireland: 3-6 November 2025 1 Online final session in November 2025

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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