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# About Emerald Cultural Institute



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## About Dublin

Ireland has been named the World's Friendliest Country twice by Lonely Planet. Dublin, known as "The City of a Thousand Welcomes," reflects this with its lively and welcoming vibe, making people feel at home quickly. Its mix of history and vibrant energy offers visitors a warm, friendly experience.

## About Emerald

'People are at the heart of what we do. We provide a transformative educational and cultural experience within a positive, nurturing environment where both students and staff can grow and prepare to meet their personal and professional goals.'

Our Palmerston Park school is located in the beautiful residential neighbourhood of Rathgar, in the south of Dublin. Set in its own beautifully landscaped gardens, our school overlooks one of Dublin's oldest public parks, Palmerston Park, which dates from 1894. It offers students the chance to study English in a peaceful and stress-free environment with the city centre only a ten-minute tram journey away. The original school building is a gracious Victorian mansion and we have enriched the campus by adding a specially designed modern building with additional classrooms and a large serviced canteen.

### Facilities and features include:

- Twenty-two modern classrooms
- Interactive technology
- Wi-Fi access throughout the campus
- Private landscaped garden with covered seating areas and heaters
- Large serviced canteen and coffee bar
- Library, reading room and study space
- Located in a prime residential neighbourhood within easy reach of Dublin city centre



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# Erasmus + Courses Overview



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## About our courses

At Emerald Cultural Institute, we offer year-round Erasmus+ courses that combine English language development with Irish culture, professional communication, and cross-cultural skills. For teachers, our summer 2025 courses focus on modern teaching methodologies, CLIL, and language development tailored to primary, secondary, and professional educators. Erasmus+ participants are also welcome to enroll in any of our General English, Exam Preparation, or Business English courses, subject to their available funding.

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## Our Year Round Courses

- English Language Development and Irish Culture
- English Development plus Professional Communication skills
- English Development and Cross cultural Communication

## Our Summer 2025 Courses (fixed dates)

- Intensive English for Professional Communication
- Modern Methodology & Language Development for Primary teachers
- Modern Methodology & Language Development for Secondary teachers
- Practical CLIL for teachers

## Fees Include:

- Pre-course assessment and on-boarding.
- Access to teaching materials, audio, reading exercises, video, grammar and vocabulary as presented by the Emerald teachers.
- Welcome Kit with guides & maps.
- Diploma on completion of course certifying attendance and competence.



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Course Type	Dates	Fees
English Language Development & Irish Culture	Beginning every Monday, excluding the following (Bank Holiday Mondays):	€475* per week
English Language Development plus Professional Communication Skills	February 3rd (St. Brigid's Day) March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) April 21st (Easter) May 5th (May Bank Holiday) June 2nd (June Bank Holiday) August 4th (August Bank Holiday) October 27th (October Bank Holiday)	€475* per week
English Language Development & Cross Cultural Communication Skills		€425 per week
Intensive English for Professional Communication	21-25 July	€550 per week
Modern Methodology & Language Development for Primary Teachers	7-11 July & 28 July – 1 August	€550 per week
Modern Methodology & Language Development for Secondary Teachers	14-18 July & 11-15 August	€550 per week
Practical CLIL for Teachers	18 - 22 August	€550 per week
*option of 7 day package including full day weekend trip		€550

# Erasmus + Training Courses Funding & Application Process



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## ERASMUS + Funding

Qualifying participants can be funded by the Erasmus Plus programme.

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport.

## How to Apply

We recommend that you contact your National Agency to see what your funding options are. You can also use EU resources on E+ funding. As the Receiving Institution, Emerald will supply the necessary documents, such as the Staff Mobility for Training (STT) invitation, study plan and schedule, and Certificate of Participation.

## Individuals

Erasmus+ has opportunities for people of all ages, helping them develop, and share knowledge and experience, at institutions and organisations in different countries.

## Organisations

Erasmus+ has opportunities for a wide range of organisations, including universities, schools, education and training providers, think-tanks, research organisations, and private businesses.

Our PIC number is: 946742214  
Organisation ID: E10127281



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Course Outline

The English Language Development & Irish Culture course combines English language instruction with an exploration of Ireland’s unique traditions. Mornings are dedicated to improving language skills, while afternoons focus on Irish culture, covering topics such as sport, festivals, music, and history. Participants also enjoy cultural excursions, a Dublin city orientation, and a variety of immersive activities. The course is open to learners with a minimum A2 level of English.

Sample course					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English
Afternoon	Dublin City Orientation		Irish Culture Class	Culture Afternoon	

Course Description

The English Language Development & Irish Culture course provides an enriching blend of English language learning and cultural exploration. Tailored for learners with at least an A2 level of English, this course aims to enhance communication skills while offering a deep dive into Ireland's rich cultural heritage.

Morning sessions focus on developing essential language skills, including speaking, listening, reading, and writing, in a supportive and engaging classroom environment. Afternoons are dedicated to discovering the many facets of Irish culture, with interactive modules and activities that delve into local traditions, from lively festivals and traditional Irish music to the country’s historical background and sporting life.

Learning Outcomes

- Improve English language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.
- Enhance communication skills through cultural immersion and interactive learning experiences.
- Gain a deeper understanding of Irish culture, including its language, festivals, and history.

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## English Language Development & Professional Communication Skills

### Course Outline

This course is designed to enhance your general English language development and workplace communication skills. Core modules will focus on improving your overall language proficiency, enabling you to communicate more effectively and confidently in various work contexts. B1 minimum level.

Sample course					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English
Afternoon	Dublin City Orientation		Exclusive focus class for 1-2 students	21st Century Skills for Professionals	

### Course Description

#### Modules for exclusive focus class

- Presentation skills
- Meetings & conferences
- Target your area of English

The English Language Development & Professional Communication Skills course combines English language improvement with key professional skills. Morning sessions focus on general English development, while afternoons offer professional modules on topics like personal branding, presentations, and interview skills. Students also participate in a city orientation and can choose private classes tailored to their specific professional needs, such as presentation or listening skills for meetings. This course provides a comprehensive mix of language learning and career-focused communication.

#### 21st Century Skills for Professionals

Personal Branding, CV Preparation and Expression of interest emails, Group Decision-Making, Informal Presentations, Formal Presentations, Interview Skills, Brainstorming idea, Preparing and Conducting Meeting, Goal-setting and Describing targets, Design and Creativity, Facts and Figures, Cultural Awareness

#### Learning Outcomes

- Improve English language proficiency in everyday and professional contexts.
- Develop essential communication skills for the workplace, such as presentations and interviews.
- Gain confidence in professional interactions through targeted learning and personalized coaching.

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## English Development & Cross Cultural Communication Skills

### Course Outline

This course is designed to give participants the opportunity to develop core English language skills with intensive immersion in dynamic, international classes. The course covers the four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing but is especially programmed to improve communication skills.

Sample course						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English	Full day excursion
Afternoon/ Evening	Dublin City Orientation	Cultural & Social Programme	Cultural & Social Programme	Cultural & Social Programme	Cultural & Social Programme	

### Course Description

#### Bespoke modules for closed groups

- A bespoke programme can be made for your group, incorporating further English language development, Irish culture modules or professional communications skills

Participants will have ample opportunity to experience the cultural heritage of both Ireland and the local area. The programme includes a weekday afternoon guided immersion of Dublin city, and a full-day tour to a site of scenic and heritage value on a Saturday (generally included Kilkenny historic city and Glendalough Monastic settlement). Designed for A2 minimum level learners.

Our cultural and social programme includes afternoon and evening excursions to places of interest such as the GAA museum, EPIC Ireland, the Book of Kells, the National Gallery and Christchurch amongst others as well as activities such as Bingo, 'speed friending', quizzes, movie and board game nights.

#### Learning Outcomes

- Participants will demonstrate improved proficiency in English through effective oral and written communication
- Participants will develop a deeper understanding of Irish culture and heritage by participating in guided tours and cultural activities
- Through interactive classroom activities and excursions, participants will strengthen their critical thinking skills by analyzing and discussing various cultural themes

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## Intensive English for Professional Communication



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### Course Outline

This course is designed to enhance your workplace communication skills and language proficiency. Core modules will help you to communicate more effectively and confidently in the work context. Recommended minimum English language level B1.

Sample course				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English for Meetings	English for Presentations	Written English for Business	Customer Service	Effective Business Communication

### Course Description

#### Bespoke modules for closed groups

- Networking
- Telephone conversations
- Target language area for your business
- Business and economy related small talk

This course is designed to enhance your workplace communication skills and language proficiency. The core modules—English for Meetings, English for Presentations, English for Emails and Reports, Customer Service, and Effective Business Communication—will equip you with the tools to communicate confidently in various professional settings. You will learn how to structure effective meetings, deliver impactful presentations, and craft clear business emails and reports. By the end of the course, you will be able to demonstrate professional communication, compose written correspondence, and apply effective customer service techniques.

#### Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate effective communication strategies in professional meetings and discussions
- Compose clear and concise emails and reports tailored to various business contexts
- Deliver engaging presentations that effectively convey information to diverse audiences
- Apply customer service techniques to enhance client interactions and satisfaction.

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## Modern Methodology & Language Development for Primary Teachers

### Course Outline

This course is designed to refresh and deepen teachers' understanding of language teaching principles, including the CEFR framework, metacognitive approaches, schema activation, and the use of AI in the classroom. The course is interactive, hands-on, and provides daily practical takeaway for immediate implementation. This course focuses on young learners and is suitable for primary school teachers.

Sample course				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Language Pedagogy and CEFR	Classroom Management for Young Learners	Schema Activation Activities	AI and Language Learning Tools	Interactive and Hands-On Learning Activities

### Course Description

#### Bespoke modules for closed groups

- Songs in the language classroom
- Developing reading skills
- Developing writing skills
- English across the curriculum
- Developing pronunciation skills
- You can also include any of the CLIL modules from our CLIL course

This interactive course is designed for primary school language teachers, focusing on key pedagogical strategies. Participants will explore the CEFR framework, metacognitive approaches, schema activation, differentiation.

Emerging trends like AI in language teaching, as well as more traditional methodologies such as communicative and task-based learning, as well as multimodal approaches will be covered. Each session includes hands-on activities, collaborative discussions, and a practical takeaway for immediate classroom application.

The course concludes with participants creating and presenting comprehensive lesson plans, integrating the concepts learned.

#### Learning Outcomes

- Apply the CEFR framework to design language activities tailored to specific proficiency levels (A1-C2).
- Develop effective classroom management techniques and activities which engage young learners.
- Create differentiated language tasks that cater to diverse learner abilities, integrating schema activation and multimodal approaches.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of AI tools in enhancing student engagement and language proficiency, and incorporate them into lesson plans



## Modern Methodology & Language Development for Secondary Teachers

### Course Outline

This course is designed to refresh and deepen teachers' understanding of language teaching principles, including the CEFR framework, metacognitive approaches, schema activation, and the use of AI in the classroom. The course is interactive, hands-on, and provides daily practical takeaway for immediate implementation. This course focuses on teen learners and is suitable for secondary school teachers.

Sample course				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Language Pedagogy and CEFR	Metacognitive Approaches in Language Teaching	Schema Activation	Differentiation in the Language Classroom	AI and Language Learning Tools

### Course Description

#### Bespoke modules for closed groups

- Teaching exam classes
- Developing reading skills
- Developing writing skills
- English across the curriculum
- Developing pronunciation skills
- Adapting materials
- You can also include any of the CLIL modules from our CLIL course

This interactive course is designed for secondary school language teachers, focusing on key pedagogical strategies. Participants will explore the CEFR framework, metacognitive approaches, schema activation, differentiation, and formative assessment.

Emerging trends like AI in language teaching, as well as more traditional methodologies such as communicative and task-based learning, as well as multimodal approaches will be covered. Each session includes hands-on activities, collaborative discussions, and a practical takeaway for immediate classroom application.

The course concludes with participants creating and presenting comprehensive lesson plans, integrating the concepts learned.

#### Learning Outcomes

- Apply the CEFR framework to design language activities tailored to specific proficiency levels (A1-C2).
- Analyse student learning processes by incorporating metacognitive strategies, encouraging self-regulation and reflection.
- Create differentiated language tasks that cater to diverse learner abilities, integrating schema activation and multimodal approaches.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of AI tools in enhancing student engagement and language proficiency, and incorporate them into lesson plans



# Practical CLIL for Teachers

## Course Outline

This course is a practical introduction and refresher to CLIL (Content & Language Integrated Learning) for mainstream teachers. It is suitable to those new to CLIL and to those who wish to refresh and enrich their CLIL knowledge, from both a theoretical and practical perspective.

Sample course				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
My CLIL Context	Planning the CLIL Lesson	Get talking in the CLIL Classroom	AI in the CLIL Classroom	Language in the CLIL Classroom

## Course Description

This course focuses on helping you create new lessons that will re-engage and re-energise both you and your students. You'll discover effective techniques and how to adapt materials for your students.

### Bespoke modules for closed groups

- Psychology in CLIL
- Supporting CLIL Learners: Scaffolding
- CLIL: Key theories and Principles
- Language Acquisition in CLIL
- You can request a module and if we do not currently offer it we can develop it for you

The course is a comprises five or ten modules (which are delivered each afternoon in workshop-style sessions, each including hands on tasks and practical takeaways which participants can use in their lessons straight away.

The work-shops provide participants with a working knowledge of the key concepts in CLIL and a selection of practical activities for both primary and secondary level. As a key element of success in CLIL is a teacher's language ability, the course includes language-development classes every morning.

### Learning Outcomes

- Adapt materials to encourage subject content and language proficiency
- Develop tasks, activities and materials which support CLIL in the classroom
- Evaluate materials to ensure their effectiveness in the CLIL classroom
- Plan effective CLIL lessons which take into account learning stages
- Apply a principle based approach to promoting communication
- Demonstrate awareness and approaches to inclusivity



# Erasmus + Accommodation



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## Homestay

Staying with a host family gives you an excellent opportunity to develop your language skills in a natural everyday context, and is a very popular option with our students. The host family experience is one of the best ways for students to encounter the world-famous Irish hospitality and discover Dublin's lifestyle and culture.

- Our families are carefully selected and monitored by our in-house full-time Accommodation team.
- Many of our host families have been a part of the Emerald experience for over 12 years, due to the dedicated assistance from our accommodation team and their ongoing communication with our homestay families.
- Our families are situated within walking distance or on direct bus or tram routes to and from the centres. All families are situated close to city centre bus or tram routes.



## Residence

We provide a range of residence options in different locations across Dublin city. These offer mainly single rooms with private bathrooms in apartments with shared living and kitchen areas. Social spaces and a variety of facilities and services are also available.

Trinity Hall is an official residence of Trinity College Dublin, which is available to our students during the summer period. It is only a short 10-minute LUAS (tram) ride to the city centre. It is conveniently located a 2-minute walk from our Palmerston Park school

We also collaborate with Hotels and B&Bs near the school or Dublin city centre. Staying in a Hotel is ideal as a temporary option, for a short stay or if you plan to come to Dublin to study with your family. Emerald can help you arrange your Hotel or B&B stay. Contact us for more information, prices and availability.



## Prices

- Family Half-Board - single room **€295 per week** (*supplement from 29 June-31 Aug + €35 per week*)
- Residence - self-catering, single room **€360 per week**
- Summer residence open June, July, August **€385 per week**
- Hot lunch voucher in school (Mon to Fri) **€60**