



International

# **YOUNG ADULT**

Programme 2024



# Atlantic Language School

Since 1993, Atlantic Language School has welcomed thousands of students from over 100 different countries to Galway, Ireland's Cultural Heart.

Our mission is to give each student, whether they are young people, professionals, school or higher education staff, a memorable experience defined by high quality teaching and supported by a warm and dedicated team.

Atlantic Language School ranks as one of Ireland's premium language schools. It is accredited for English language teaching by the Irish Department of Education, and it is a recognised Erasmus+ institution.

## Our Facilities

- 2 modern buildings
- 34 smart classrooms
- 4 apartment residences
- Local host families
- WiFi and internet access
- Roof-top terrace
- Student lounge areas
- Computer room
- Student library
- Fully equipped exam centre
- Multilingual student services
- Tea and coffee services
- Free-time activities
- Social activities
- Local discounts
- Tour services

# Summer School

Our International Young Adult Programme is a summer school for individual students aged 16-18 who are looking for a different learning experience.

Our content-based tuition options will engage you, improve your communication & language skills, as well as broaden your horizons.

This Programme gives young adults the independence to develop their communication skills through collaborative group and project work. As a safe and friendly city, Galway is the perfect location for curious young adults keen to discover a new culture.



# Tuition Options

Atlantic Language School offers three tuition options, all of which are task-based and designed to enhance both your subject knowledge and your English language proficiency.

Prepare to Study at University	Global Citizenship, Diversity & Inclusion	Climate Change: Think Globally, Act Locally
<p><b>This course focuses on the skills you need to succeed at university.</b></p> <p>Our engaging and skills-based lessons will help you improve your critical thinking, lecture note-taking, research skills and presentation skills, as well as academic writing.</p> <p>Ideal preparation for students who are about to embark on a university course.</p>	<p><b>Explore what it means to be a global citizen in the modern world.</b></p> <p>This task-based course will help you gain an understanding of diverse cultures and identities.</p> <p>Experience opportunities to develop self-expression and the communication skills to interact with others while gaining knowledge of the wider world and your place in it.</p>	<p><b>This project-based learning programme consists of guided workshops and a group research project.</b></p> <p>Explore topics surrounding climate change and the impact we can make as individuals.</p> <p>Discover the activists driving change, the role decision-makers play, and the international agreements in place and what they mean.</p>

# The Programme

The 2-week programme aims to improve your English language skills in an interactive and engaging way.

## Key Facts

- Dates: **29 June - 13 July** 2024 or **14 July - 28 July** 2024
- Age: **16 - 18** (individuals only)
- English Levels: **A2 to C1** CEFR (online written test prior to arrival)
- **26 lessons per week** (19.5 hours)
- **Morning lessons:** Mon to Fri 9.00 - 10.30 & 11.00 - 12.30
- **Afternoon lessons:** Tue, Thu & Fri 13.30 - 15.00
- **Morning & afternoon activities**
- **Accommodation:** homestay (full-board) and commuter ticket
- **Evening activities** on Tue & Thu (20.00 - 22.00 approx.)
- Excursion: **1 half-day excursion** per week on Wednesday and **1 full-day excursion** per week on Saturday or Sunday
- **Airport Transfer:** return transfer from Dublin

# Social Activities

Discover the best the West of Ireland has to offer with full-day excursions to the Aran Islands and the Cliffs of Moher; half-day trips include the beautiful Connemara and a visit to the rocky Burren Park near Galway.

The School Staff and Mentors organise and supervise evening group activities such as scavenger hunt, bowling, cinema night and an Irish dancing workshop.

Students can enjoy many indoor and outdoor activities, improving their English skills and exploring the vibrant and lively Galway as well as its surroundings.



# Sample Timetable

Week 1	Sat / Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Morning	Arrival	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	Full-Day Excursion: Cliffs of Moher
Afternoon		Walking Tour of Galway City	Special Tuition	Half-Day Excursion: Aillwee Cave	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	
Evening		Free Time	Quiz & Treasure Hunt	Free Time	Escape Room	Free Time	

Week 2	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat / Sun
Morning	Full-Day Excursion: Aran Islands	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	Departure
Afternoon		Outdoor Group Activity	Special Tuition	Half-Day Excursion: Connemara	Special Tuition	Special Tuition	
Evening		Free Time	Bowling	Free Time	Cinema Night	Free Time	





# Course Regulations

- ✓ Morning classes begin at 09:00, classes after break begin at 11:00.
- ✓ Afternoon classes begin at 13:30, classes after break begin at 15:15.
- ✓ Please note, to minimise disruption, students who arrive 15 minutes after classes have started will not be permitted to enter.
- ✓ All timetabled classes are compulsory. If you are going to be late for a valid reason, please contact the School, and / or a friend (via WhatsApp, SMS, etc.) to tell them why you will not be on time.
- ✓ Do not to be late for class or tours.
- ✓ In class, try to participate as much as possible.
- ✓ Bullying or aggressive behaviour by any individual will not be tolerated and should be reported to your parents and School management immediately.
- ✓ Any student(s) involved in a serious offence while in Galway (drinking alcohol, drugs, stealing, involved in anti-social behaviour, etc.) will be sent home immediately. The full cost of all transport and administration in such cases will be the responsibility of the

student / parents of the student in question.

- ✓ Atlantic Language School will be the final arbitrator in any decisions arising from breaches of discipline.
- ✓ Please follow classroom rules regarding mobile phones, which are not allowed for personal use during class time.
- ✓ Speak as much English as possible.
- ✓ Tell us if you have any problems.
- ✓ Take a taxi with two or three others if you miss the last bus.
- ✓ Always stay in groups together if walking home.
- ✓ Be careful when out at night. Irish Drinking laws are different to your country. Alcohol, smoking and all illegal substances are strictly forbidden.
- ✓ Make sure to bring rain wear and warm clothes, the weather can change very quickly.
- ✓ Enjoy your language holiday.

## Accommodation Rules

- ✓ Leave your passport or ID with your host family.
- ✓ Please look after your valuables. We do not take responsibility for lost valuables.

- ✓ You must return to your host family before 22.30 or earlier if requested by your family. Students are not permitted to stay out later under any circumstances.
- ✓ You should not go back to the host family before 17.30 any evening.
- ✓ You are staying with a family, not in a hotel or guest house, please respect the wishes and advice of the host family at all times.
- ✓ Please use your mobile phone when making calls, do not use the host family's telephone.
- ✓ If you are caught shoplifting, drinking alcohol, or are involved in anti-social behaviour, you will be sent home to your country immediately at your own expense.
- ✓ If you experience any problems with your host family, please inform Atlantic Language School's staff as soon as possible.
- ✓ Please inform the family what you are doing each day and each evening.
- ✓ If you miss the last bus take a taxi home with two or three of your friends.
- ✓ WiFi arrangements differ between host families and students must be aware

of this. It is important to check WiFi arrangements with hosts. A fair and reasonable use of Internet policy applies to all families: students who use an excessive amount of Internet may be asked to make a payment to cover the extra cost.

- ✓ Please respect the privacy of the host family: some families may not want to have their photographs or other information taken or used for social media or other purposes.

## Location

### Atlantic Language School

Fairgreen House, Fairgreen Road

The International Young Adult Programme takes place in our Geata na Cathrach building which is located across the road from our main school at Fairgreen House (1 minute walk).

### ALS - Young Adult Centre

Geata Na Cathrach, Fairgreen Road  
Galway, H91 W26K, Ireland

## Opening Hours

The School is open from 8:00 to 17:00 on Monday and from 8:30 to 17:00 from Tuesday to Friday.

## Transfer Details

- ✓ Arrival to Dublin Airport
- ✓ Transfer arranged by the School

At the airport an Atlantic Language School representative will meet students at arrivals and will bring them to the bus departure zone where they will board the bus that will travel directly to Galway Coach Station with no stops.

The students will then travel unattended to Galway. In Galway another Atlantic Language School representative will meet the students and help them to make their way to their Host Families.

Arrival and departure times will depend on flights booked. However, when booking flights it's important to make allowances for the journey from Dublin to Galway which takes approximately 2.5 hours by bus.

Some students may travel together depending on the arrival time.

We recommend students to arrive into Dublin Airport no later than 19.00 and to depart no earlier than 11.00 from Dublin Airport.

## The First Day

- ✓ **08:30** Arrive to School at Geata Na Cathrach building (Fairgreen Road)
- ✓ **09:00 to 10:30** First morning class
- ✓ **10:30 to 11:00** Break Time
- ✓ **11:00 to 12:30** Second morning class
- ✓ **12:30 to 13:30** Lunch break
- ✓ **15:15 to 16:15** Walking Tour

## Activities

On Monday and Wednesday there are afternoon activities. On Tuesday and Thursday there will be the evening activities. The Activities coordinator will split the students in smaller groups.

The meeting point for evening activities is always Geata Na Cathrach. You are required to attend all timetabled activities on the programme. If the students don't show up for the activities, there will be no refund for missed activities.

## Covid Regulations

### **If a student has symptoms during the stay**

If you require a test, you will be provided with a Antigen or PCR Test at your own expense.

### **If a student is tested positive during the stay**

In case the host family is not ready to take care of you, Atlantic Language School will provide an alternative accommodation at your own expense. There will be no compensation for any day of tuition or activities/excursions missed.

## FAQs

**Curfew.** The curfew is 22:30 or earlier if requested by your family or leaders. Students are not permitted to stay out later under any circumstances.

**Illness.** If you are feeling unwell, please report to your teacher, School staff, host family or the emergency phone number. We will organise appropriate medical attention.

**Weather.** Ireland has a temperate climate with summer temperatures ranging from 16-24 °C. The weather varies a lot so you can have sun and showers in one day. You should pack rainwear, warm clothes, swimwear, sun cream, a towel and active wear including old sports shoes for the activities and excursions.

**Electricity.** The electrical current in Ireland is 220 volts, 50 cycles of alternating current (AC). Wall sockets take plugs with 3 flat pins, as in the UK. Electrical adapters may be bought in many shops and supermarkets.



## Pricing

The price for the 2-week summer school International Young Adult Programme is

**All-inclusive package: € 2100**

What's included?

- ✓ **39 hours of specialist tuition** based on your choice: (1) *Prepare to Study at University*, (2) *Global Citizenship, Diversity & Inclusion*, (3) *Climate Change: Think Globally, Act Locally*
- ✓ **Full board accommodation** in an Irish host family (14 nights)
- ✓ **Diverse activity programme** with morning, afternoon and evening activities, half-day and full-day excursions
- ✓ **Return airport transfer** to/from Dublin Airport and **commuter bus ticket**
- ✓ **Welcome pack** and city map
- ✓ **Level test** and **course materials**
- ✓ **Certificate of completion**
- ✓ **Free WiFi in School**
- ✓ **Free use of Computer Room**
- ✓ **Free access to the School's Library** and book loan
- ✓ **Free use of School's facilities**
- ✓ **Emergency Support**

# Terms & Conditions

## General

- ✓ This offer is valid for Atlantic Language School's International Young Adult Programme and subject to availability.
- ✓ This offer is valid for individual bookings with scheduled arrivals on 29 June or 14 July 2024 for 2 weeks.

## Arrivals and Departures

- ✓ Transfers from and to airport are direct services via public coach each departure and arrival day. Met by School representative and accompanied to coach departure gate to Galway City.

## Tuition

- ✓ 1 lesson = 45 minutes.
- ✓ Maximum number of students per class is 15.
- ✓ Tuition will be scheduled in either mornings or afternoons at the discretion of Atlantic Language School.
- ✓ Atlantic Language School will not provide classes on School and public holidays but will substitute classes on alternative days in lieu when possible.
- ✓ Students must choose their tuition option at the time of booking.

## Accommodation

- ✓ This offer is valid for homestay accommodation.
- ✓ 2 - 3 students sharing per room per homestay.
- ✓ Homestay details will be provided no sooner than two weeks before arrival.
- ✓ Supplement fee for special dietary requirements (for example, coeliac, vegan, lactose intolerant) € 40 per week.

## Activities and Excursions

- ✓ The Programme includes 2 full-day excursions,

2 half-day excursions, 2 local visits and 4 evening activities. See sample timetable (subject to change).

## School Facilities

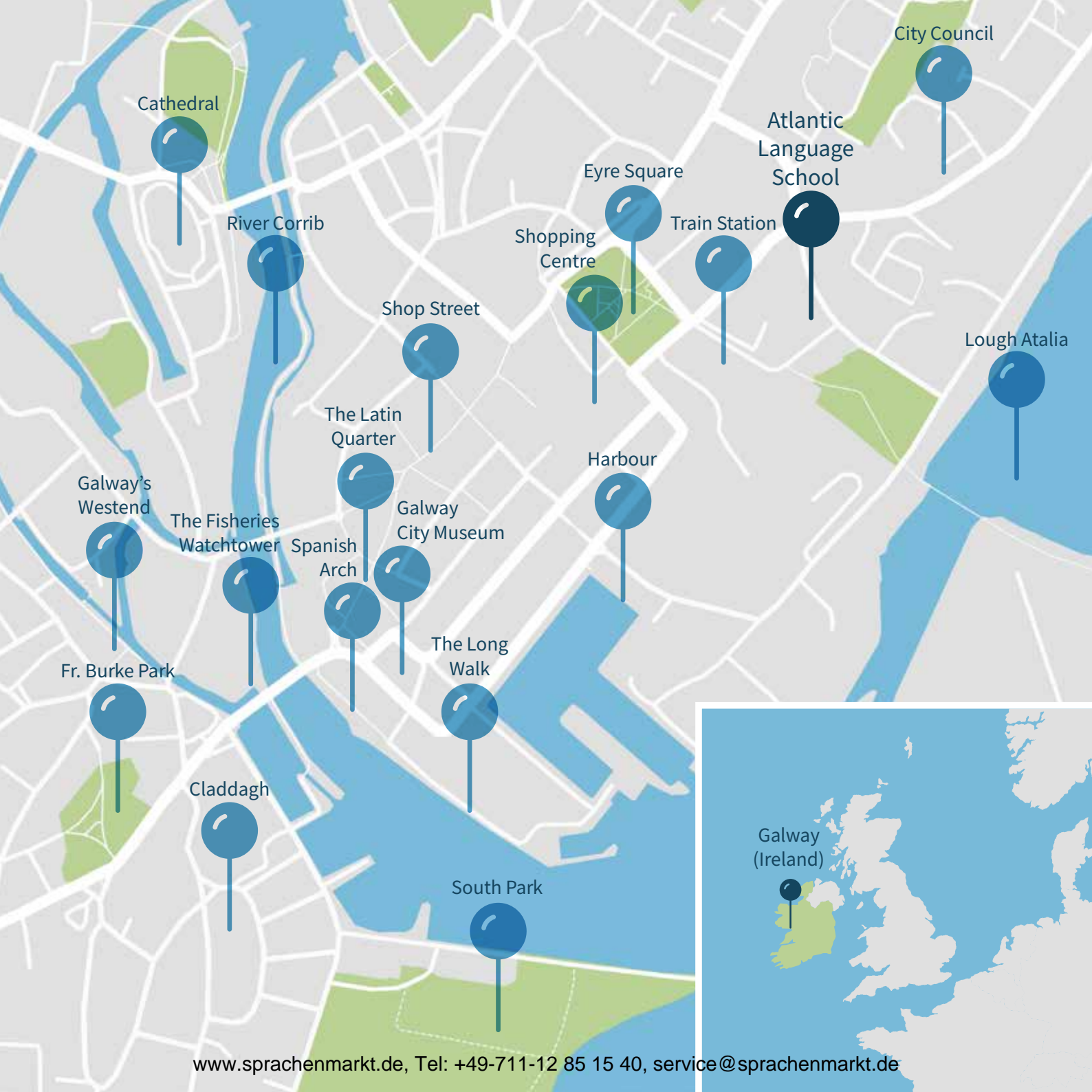
- ✓ School WiFi and general facilities available during break times.

## Deposit and Cancellation

- ✓ A 30% deposit must be paid on receipt on booking confirmation. The outstanding 70% must be paid in full 60 days before arrival.
- ✓ Deposit fee is non-refundable.
- ✓ Cancellation less than 60 days before arrival is subject to an additional 15% cancellation fee of the package price.
- ✓ Cancellation less than 30 days before arrival is subject to an additional 30% cancellation fee of the package price.
- ✓ Cancellation on the day of arrival is subject to an additional 75% cancellation fee of the package price.
- ✓ Atlantic Language School can't accept responsibility for any flight delays, cancellation or changes in timetables by other third parties outside of our control. The additional 75% cancellation fee on day of arrival is necessary to cover costs of transportation, host family and services contracted by the School. There is no refund of fees for days missed during the course or for late arrival or early departure.

## Other

- ✓ No refund or discount is given for taking fewer lessons, activities or excursion as a result of unforeseen circumstances (i.e., extreme weather conditions, political events, cancelled flights, etc.).



Cathedral

City Council

Atlantic  
Language  
School

Eyre Square

Shopping  
Centre

Train Station

River Corrib

Shop Street

The Latin  
Quarter

Galway  
City Museum

Spanish  
Arch

The Long  
Walk

Harbour

Lough Atalia

Galway's  
Westend

The Fisheries  
Watchtower

Fr. Burke Park

Claddagh

South Park

Galway  
(Ireland)

# Where we are

Atlantic Language School is a purpose-built, modern school in the city centre.

Located in the heart of Galway, our bright airy classrooms are equipped with the most up-to-date educational equipment, such as interactive whiteboards smart technologies, and all the facilities required to meet the needs of today's learners.

Shops and amenities, pubs and cultural centres like the City Museum, as well as the bus and train stations, are located within walking distance of the school.



# Wild Atlantic Way

Atlantic Language School takes its name from the ocean, which in Galway is on our doorstep, and also gives its name to the wonderful coastal route - the 'Wild Atlantic Way'.

Galway is the gateway to some of the west coast's most impressive attractions: the famous Cliffs of Moher and the Burren; the Aran Islands, filming location of the award-winning movie The Banshees of Inisherin and home of seal colonies and rare birds; and Connemara, a scenic area of mountains, fjords, castles, heaths, grasslands and woodlands.



# Mentor Programme

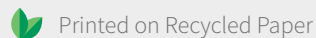
Our student mentor scheme allows progression for participants as once you have completed a course with us (and are 20+) you can apply to become a student mentor in future years.

Student mentors help the School, the International Young Adult Programme's coordinator and all the involved staff to run the centre.

This is a voluntary role but free accommodation is offered and student mentors gain excellent work experience, which they can add to their CVs.



Atlantic Language School  
Fairgreen House, Fairgreen Road, Galway



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Thanks a million! Who knows, maybe one day we'll meet again.