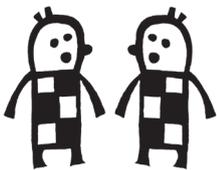




International Immersion Courses

2010/2011



"I had begun to feel quite pressured by the knowledge and the needs of my students and was motivated to apply for a course both to refresh my own language and also to find new ideas and resources to revitalise my teaching. I learned so much more! In fact, I am hopeful that it will have transformed my teaching completely"

English



This highly practical course is based in the West Midlands, in the heart of England.

The course, which is delivered entirely in English by experienced and qualified teachers and trainers, will develop attendee's English language and pedagogical skills through a full immersion approach. A number of institutions will be visited across the region which will complement the language, culture and methodology classes. Language Networks for Excellence has been influential in pioneering the use of advanced ICT techniques used in local institutions and teachers will benefit from sharing best practice throughout the week.

A number of cultural excursions will enhance the experience such as a tour of Stratford upon Avon, the birthplace of the great English playwright William Shakespeare, a visit to the UK's second city Birmingham, home of the famous Bullring shopping centre, and a lunch with senior members of university staff.

"I think we learnt a lot observing other colleagues...I would have liked to stay longer!"

"Fantastic talking to a teacher about methodology and children with difficulties"



West Midlands

The West Midlands is a county in the centre of England with a population of over 2.5 million. The county consists of 7 metropolitan boroughs which include England's second city Birmingham.

There is a rich history in the region which includes the 'black country', the former industrial capital of England. Nearby Lichfield played an important part in the English Civil War and numerous popular figures have hailed from the region including Ozzy Osbourne, Julie Walters and Samuel Johnson, the writer of the first English dictionary.

The Package - € 1500

- **Accommodation** - A single room for each delegate in a local hotel.
- **Subsistence** - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are provided for each delegate throughout the course
- **Travel** - Travel throughout the week to workshops and visits. Airport transfers not included.
- **Cultural Visits** - A number of cultural visits will be enjoyed throughout the week including a city tour.

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Applicants can apply for a maximum of € 2000 to cover all costs incurred. This course therefore allows for up to € 400 for travel costs.

Spanish



Professional Development course in the glorious sunshine of the Costa del Sol. Sounds too good to be true doesn't it? Think again, our Spanish Immersion course in the cosmopolitan city of Málaga makes this a reality. With the learning of Spanish set to continue to rise, there is a greater demand for qualified Spanish teachers.

The aim of the course is to develop delegate's competence in Spanish. Teachers also enhance their teaching skills by participating in methodology classes and visiting local institutions and schools while on the course. In previous courses the interaction of teachers has provided an invaluable opportunity to share best practice and to improve each other's teaching methods. The promotion of intercultural awareness is also an important aspect of the course and with Málaga being the birthplace of one of the most culturally important figures in Spanish history, Pablo Picasso, it is the ideal place to begin.

Spanish-based cultural excursions are included in the delegate package including a tour of the historic city centre. For those that love Spanish cuisine a Tapas tour of the city will be much appreciated and the traditional Spanish salsa class has been a favourite with teachers in previous years.

“Thank you so much for putting together an excellent week. It has been an enormous boost for me and encouragement to keep studying for myself as well as preparing classes....”



Málaga

Málaga is the capital city of the Costa Del Sol which is situated on the Mediterranean Sea. The city is a port in Andalucía, Southern Spain and it is visited by many for its interesting sights and cultural background.

The population of the city is approximately 577 thousand people, and Málaga is the fifth largest province in Spain. The city is well known for its sandy beaches and its rich history. It is the birthplace of the famous painter Pablo Picasso.

The Package - € 1600

- **Accommodation** - A single room for each delegate in a local hotel.
- **Subsistence** - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are provided for each delegate throughout the course
- **Travel** - Airport transfers and travel throughout the week to workshops and visits.
- **Cultural Visits** - A number of cultural visits will be enjoyed throughout the week including a flamenco party.

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UK-2010-1026-001

Applicants can apply for a maximum of € 2000 to cover all costs incurred. This course therefore allows for up to € 400 for travel costs.

Italian



Delegates will have the pleasure of taking language and methodology classes at the University of Bologna, the oldest University in the western world, founded in 1088. All classes will be delivered in Italian with numerous conversation sessions being held in the "Piazza Del Nettuno" in the presence of the statue of Neptune, the exquisite fountains and the traditional Italian architecture of the square. Delegates will again be able to reap the rewards from Language Networks for Excellence's superior knowledge of how ICT can be used in learning and take this back to the classroom with them.

Italian culture is unrivalled across the world with the peninsula being the centre of Western culture from antiquity until the mid 1700s.

A number of cultural events are organised throughout the week to help celebrate Italian culture, these include a wine tasting excursion, a visit to a historical museum and numerous trips to restaurants to celebrate what many argue to be the most impressive aspect of Italian culture, the food.

"A truly inspirational experience! I wholeheartedly recommend it to any teacher or adult ed tutor as a wonderful and enriching experience"



Bologna

Bologna is the capital city of Emilia-Romagna in northern Italy in the Po Valley, between the Po River and the Apennines. It is home to the oldest university in the Western world, "Alma Mater Studiorum", founded in 1088.

The beautiful city centre is well preserved and maintained, with unified architecture and marbled pavements. It is well known for its food and it is often said to be one of the most attractive cities in Italy.

The Package - € 1600

- **Accommodation** - A single room for each delegate in a local hotel.
- **Subsistence** - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are provided for each delegate throughout the course
- **Travel** - Travel throughout the week to workshops and visits. Airport transfers not included.
- **Cultural Visits** - A number of cultural visits will be enjoyed throughout the week including a museum visit.

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UK-2010-1025-001

Applicants can apply for a maximum of € 2000 to cover all costs incurred. This course therefore allows for up to € 400 for travel costs.