

# English language and culture for the primary school teacher



**Durham, England**  
**22 – 28 March 2015**



## Supporting foreign language learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century primary classroom – a course for teachers of English in primary schools.

Take advantage of opportunities under the new **Erasmus+** programme (KA1) to attend a 5 day course in the heart of historic County Durham, UK.

### Aims

- Develop English language for the primary classroom;
- Apply exciting and innovative classroom-based language learning methods, specially adapted for the primary classroom (ages 4-11);
- Learn games, songs and try activities which are suitable for primary aged children;
- Use modern and affordable ICT equipment and software for fun language learning activities;
- Visit a UK primary school;
- Develop an understanding of Britain today and the English education system;
- Create a network of teachers for future collaborative projects using eTwinning and potentially Erasmus+ (Key Action 2).



**Dates** 22-28 March 2015

**Venue** **Grey College**, Durham University – England's third oldest university  
<https://www.dur.ac.uk/event.durham/venues/colleges/grey.college/>

### Costs

Course fee: €350 per participant for 5 days, including all tuition and resources  
Residential cost: €840 per participant – 6 nights' accommodation and all meals

**Participants of ERASMUS+ Key Action 1 funding should be able to cover the cost from within the limits set by the European Commission.**

### Provisional programme includes

- English language tuition in small groups, including fun and dynamic activities to use in the language classroom;
- Discussion with teachers from across the EU around new approaches in primary language teaching;
- Engagement with a local school;
- Use of simple ICT tools to enthuse and motivate young language learners;
- Cultural excursions to collect authentic classroom resources.

22 March	Transport will be provided from Newcastle airport and Durham railway station to course venue. Dinner on arrival
23 March	Initial assessment of delegates' levels in English Exchange of approaches to primary language teaching Use of new technologies in language teaching – Orangery Education Ltd English language tuition Lesson planning
24 March	English language tuition – use of songs and games in the classroom Resourcing the curriculum Evaluating pupil progress - discussion Interactive group session – use of the interactive whiteboard
25 March	English language tuition Afternoon in English primary school Interactive group session – use of digital recorders Social evening with UK primary teachers
26 March	The Harry Potter effect – using literary texts to support early language learning Visit to location sites – Durham Cathedral and Alnwick Castle* Storytelling session ; use of big books
27 March	English language tuition Visit to national centre for storytelling and children's books * Group work and delegates present their lesson plan Completion of Europass certificates End of course dinner
28 March	Delegates depart - return transport is provided to local airport . *Excursion destinations may change

## Certificates

Delegates will undertake self assessment using the EUROPASS tool. Attendees will be presented with a course certificate to demonstrate that they have taken a full part in all aspects of the course.

## About Durham

Durham City has a UNESCO world heritage site at its heart. It is the resting place of the 7<sup>th</sup> century monk, Saint Cuthbert, the seat of England's third oldest university and home to the UK's most favourite building. It was also one of the film locations for the Harry Potter series and Elizabeth.

Accommodation will be in single study bedrooms at Grey College. Most bedrooms are en suite. Meals will be taken in college or will be provided by the course organiser in external venues.

## Durham County Council

The local authority's international office has brought together university colleagues, primary practitioners, English teachers and ICT specialists to provide a well balanced programme which allows time for reflection, consideration of new pedagogical approaches and develops English language skills.

For further information or to book your place, please contact [europe.direct@durham.gov.uk](mailto:europe.direct@durham.gov.uk). Places are limited and early application is strongly recommended.



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