# JOB SHADOWING FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Refresh your English language teaching skills through focused observation sessions and teacher-led workshops

#### **Course Outline**

This course is designed to help English language teachers develop their skills by observing a range of methodologies in action. By observing our trainers in the classroom, participants will have the opportunity to analyse new practices and approaches. In follow-up workshops, participants are invited to discuss what they have seen and to explore ways to enhance their own teaching skills. The course will provide an overview of the latest methodologies in teaching languages, explore new materials, and discuss how to make creativity a cornerstone of your teaching practice. You will work on some lesson materials personalised to your own teaching context, which will be presented at the end of the week.

# **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

## Overall objectives of the mobility

- Work with an Atlantic Senior Teacher Trainer to enhance your knowledge of current language teaching methodologies.
- Engage with other teachers from all over Europe, share experience of language teaching + gain fresh insights and new connections.
- Observe classes at Atlantic Centre of Education and learn about the strategies our teachers use to aid language learners.
- Gather a bank of resources to aid you with engaging learners from all backgrounds.





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# Added value of the mobility

The course allows participants to observe working English language teachers in action and to share teaching practices with fellow participants from secondary/vocational education.

#### Activities to be carried out

- Task completion to stimulate analysis and discussion of teaching methods and classroom practice.
- Workshop sessions to enable participants to reflect on their own practice, integrate their observations into their teaching, and share these insights with fellow participants.
- Opportunities to enhance their own language skills.
- Online resources to further develop individually-focused teaching practices

# **Expected outcomes and impact**

This course offers a professional development opportunity for participants which aims to provide teachers with innovative and creative solutions for teaching English language learners.

# **Cultural Programme**

The courses are delivered at Atlantic Centre of Education in Galway on Ireland's 'Wild Atlantic' Coast, and participants will have ample opportunity to learn about the cultural heritage of both Ireland and the local area. The week-long programme includes a full-day cultural tour to a local area of scenic and heritage value, a guided historical walking tour of Galway city, and afternoon social and cultural activities. Our staff are happy to suggest other tours and events to enjoy during your stay in Galway.

#### **Suitable for:**

Teachers of
English working
in the secondary,
vocational and
adult education
sectors.

# Minimum Level of English

B1 (CEFR)

#### Certificate

Certification of Participation and Attendance

## Programme Length

5 days of tuition (Monday to Friday) + 1 full-day activity 25 hours

# Documentation provided

STT Invitation
letter, Europass,
Work Plan (on
request),
Certificate

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# SAMPLE TIMETABLE Morning: 9.30-12.30 Afternoon: 1.30-3.00

#### **Monday**

#### **Introductions**

Welcome class & tour of Atlantic.

Icebreakers & needs analysis, goal setting

Understanding school systems in Ireland and other countries

Introducing your teaching context in your school and regional differences

### Tuesday

#### **Engagement**

**Exploring common barriers to learning.** 

Examining strategies for Student Engagement.

Mini Presentation Task.

Classroom
Observation x 90
minutes.

#### Wednesday

#### **Active Learning**

Scaffolding lessons to maximise engagement

Student-Centred Activities

Project Work: Design a short lesson.

Engaging with
Erasmus Projects
and the wider
Erasmus
Community.

#### **Thursday**

#### **Peer Collaboration**

Dos and Don'ts of student collaboration

Dealing with Groupwork Challenges

How do we assess and evaluate group work?

Classroom
Observation x 90
minutes.

#### **Friday**

Presentations and Feedback

**Peer Presentations** 

Course Overview & Self-Assessment.

Self-Study Resources + Next Steps.

Action Plan for your return to school

#### **LUNCH BREAK**

#### **Erasmus Workshop**

**English Language & Irish Culture** 

Walking tour of Galway

#### **Erasmus Workshop**

eg. Speaking Skills & Pronunciation

**Pub Social Evening** 

#### **Erasmus Workshop**

eg. Learn English through Music **Erasmus Workshop** 

**Museum Visit** 

**Erasmus Workshop** 

Phrasal Verbs & Idioms

suggested timetable only, actual content may vary

#### Sunday

Full-Day Tour to Wild Atlantic Way

Possible tours include:

#### **Cliffs of Moher**

(throughout the year)

Connemara (from

May to October)

Aran Islands (from

May to October)

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#### **2026 COURSE DATES**

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
			20-24		29-3 July	6-10 20-24	17-21		14-18		