

# English in the heart of Dublin...



T H E   L I N G U A V I V A   C E N T R E

Established 1977

# INTRODUCTION

**D**ublin, with a population of one and a half million, is the capital city of Ireland. Modern, safe and sophisticated, it has many associations with great writers such as Yates, Wilde, Shaw, Swift, Joyce, O'Casey, Behan and Beckett. A genuinely sociable people, the Irish really enjoy talking to strangers. You will find Ireland a very welcoming place with a deeply felt tradition of hospitality.

The Linguaviva Centre, founded in 1977, is located in the heart of Dublin city, in an elegant Georgian building. While the building has been completely

refurbished to the highest of standards, incorporating many modern facilities, great effort has put into preserving it's Georgian elegance and style. One of the main attractions of Linguaviva is that it is within walking distance of all the main cultural sites and shopping areas and is easily accessed by public transport. The school is one of Ireland's most reputable English language schools, attracting students from all over the world. Linguaviva is recognised by ACELS, a service of QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland), a statutory body of the Department of Education and Skills for English language teaching. The school is the longest standing member school of QE (Quality

English) in Dublin City Centre and is also a member of MEI (Marketing English in Ireland) and Dublin Tourism.

The school prides itself on the individual service offered to each student. The professional and personalised approach to both teaching and the organisation of each student's stay has gained Linguaviva a world-wide reputation for excellence.

If you want to improve your English, in the capable hands of an expert, caring staff, then you must come to the Linguaviva Centre.



## Why choose The Linguaviva Centre?

- Open all year round.
- Study for any length of time and choose from an extensive range of courses to suit your needs.
- Small classes: Maximum 12 students in the morning and 15 in the afternoon.
- Full-time, part-time, semi-intensive and intensive courses available.
- Every level from Elementary to Advanced on offer all year round. Beginner classes available during certain periods.
- Private and small group tuition for students with special professional, business or cultural interests.
- Online placement test for students.
- Excellent on-site learning and leisure facilities.
- Students, who successfully finish their course, are presented with a certificate.

*“Excellent is not enough. I was 110% happy with what our teacher did. Just brilliant! I enjoyed my stay at Linguaviva to the fullest. It has been a very impressive experience: Irish hospitality can not be beat by anything or anybody. I do hope to come back for classes or even just a cup of coffee”*

Lutz, Germany

## Why does The Linguaviva Centre take pride in its teaching staff?

### Our teaching staff:

- is totally up to date with modern approaches to teaching and the learning of English as a foreign language.
- follows the syllabus and works towards the development of the four skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing with particular emphasis on the communicative approach.
- are all university graduates with recognised EFL qualifications and above all, many years of successful teaching experience.
- provide every possible opportunity to get the most from your time in Ireland.
- are highly motivated and interested in each individual student's welfare and will ensure your stay in our school is a very beneficial one.

*“Our teacher is an amazing person with a very creative approach to teaching. I enjoyed the lessons very much”*

Dusan, Austria



*“If I had this teacher in my childhood, I would be better in English! Everyone was so patient with me!”*

Stephane, MSF France



# GENERAL ENGLISH

## Group Courses

**T**he majority of students wishing to take full-time courses opt for course X, X+Z or X+Y. Some student like to keep the afternoons free for relaxation, self study, getting to know Dublin, mixing with other students and participating in extra-curricular activities organised by the school.

The school is very happy for students to spend their free time in the building either doing extra work on their English or using the school's facilities.

People wishing to take a more intensive course such as 26 or 30 classes per week, can combine course X in the morning with course Z or Y in the afternoon and still

have time to do afternoon activities or self study. Alternatively, they may combine course X with some one-to-one classes in the afternoon. Individual timetables for private tuition can be arranged to suit the particular needs of students

Full time classes are small and in autumn and winter average 8 or 9 students. The courses cover the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing with special emphasis on the spoken word. Teaching techniques such as information gap activities, simulations, role plays, discussion and debates provide opportunities for gaining fluency in the language.

**Course X:** 20 classes per week  
Mornings from 09:00 – 13:00 on Monday – Friday (Max 12)

**Course Z:** 6 classes per week  
Two afternoons per week form 14:00 – 17:00 (Max 15)

**Course X+Z:** 26 classes per week  
Mornings from 09:00 – 13:00 on Monday - Friday (Max 12)  
Two Afternoons form 14:00 – 17:00 (Max 15)

**Course X+Y:** 30 classes per week  
Mornings from 09:00 – 13:00 on Monday - Friday (Max 12)  
Three or four afternoons from 14:00 – 17:00 (Max 15)

**Course S:** 20 classes per week in a group plus 6 classes of private tuition.  
Mornings only from 09:00 – 13:00 (Max 12)  
**Plus:** 6 classes of private tuition over 2 afternoons per week.

# TEACHER TRAINING

- **In-Service Course for Non-Native Teachers of English**
- **Immersion in Irish History, Culture and Literature Course**

**T**he Linguaviva Centre runs teacher training courses for practising English language teachers. These courses are suitable for teachers of English, who would like to update their English language skills and learn new teaching methods.

In order to participate effectively in these courses, teachers should have a minimum level of B2 on the CEFR.

The courses aim to offer opportunities to teachers to further develop their English language competence, to refine their current teaching practices, to examine different approaches and methods and to develop

materials for classroom use. Course tutors are highly qualified with a wealth of experience.

In the afternoons, course participants may be expected to do project work as well as visiting places of social and cultural interest. Evening activities may also be organised.

The maximum number of students per class: 15. These courses are subject to a minimum of 6 participants per course. Courses can also be arranged for closed groups throughout the year.

**Both courses are approved and listed on the EU Comenius and Gruntvig database. For more**

**information please use the following links:**

Irish National Agency website: [www.leargas.ie/programme\\_main.php?prog\\_code=7018](http://www.leargas.ie/programme_main.php?prog_code=7018)

**Course details In-Service Course for Non-Native Teachers of English**

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=17439>

**Course details Immersion in Irish History, Culture and Literature:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=30253>

**Further information is also available on The Linguaviva Centre website [www.linguaviva.com](http://www.linguaviva.com)**



*“I think I am very lucky I found this family! We are really similar and got along really well. It has been an amazing experience. The teachers and staff were fantastic!”*

Rocio, Spain

## Au Pair Programme combined with Course Z

An au pair programme is available for young adults aged between 18 and 25 who come from European and Non-European countries. This is an ideal way for students wishing to stay for a long time in the country to learn English. The Linguaviva Centre's au pair co-ordinator will help with any problems that may arise and provide support and advice to both au pairs and families.

- An au pair must have a good basic knowledge of English together with adequate conversation skills.
- Qualifications or experience in childcare is desirable and applicants must be genuinely fond of children.
- Au pairs must come to school in the Linguaviva Centre twice per week (course Z) where they can benefit from all the school facilities as well as availing of a special rate for classes.

### How does it work?

Families select au pairs from applications that are on file in the office. Applicants may be interviewed by interested families. Au pairs are carefully matched with families, who require help with childcare and

housework. Please remember, however, that it will not be a holiday and that free time for both study and enjoyment will be limited. Au Pair applicants must be patient as their applications may not be seen immediately.



# ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES (ESP)

**T**he course aimed at students wishing to study Business consists of twenty classes per week for two weeks.

We require a minimum of five people to run this course. A good intermediate level of English is necessary to register. This course has been developed to improve performance in areas such as:

- Business skills for meetings, negotiating, telephoning and presentations.
- Linguistic skills – improving pronunciation and terminology.
- Active listening – concentrating on the necessary skills of note-taking.
- Summarising information both oral and written including report creation.
- Social situations – relating to clients/colleagues socially, hosting receptions and discussing certain topics.

## **Private tuition or small groups:**

is perfect for students, who wish to study English more intensively. Courses can be arranged at any time of the year either on an individual basis or for small groups. These courses, geared towards the specific needs of the client, have proved highly successful in the past. A very wide and varied selection of support material is used. Classes are tailored to suit the individual needs of the student.



**Examinations:**

Students in The Linguaviva Centre have the opportunity to prepare for various examinations. The school has an excellent record achievement in Cambridge First Certificate, Cambridge Advanced and Cambridge Proficiency examinations.

Cambridge examinations such as PET, FCE, CAE and CPE, take place regularly throughout the year. The Linguaviva staff will provide further information to students, who would like further information on these exams.

Students wishing to take the TOEFL, TOEIC or CPE will be assisted in their preparation and materials will be made available to them.

Linguaviva is an examination centre for TIE (Test of Interactive English) and ETAPP (English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes). Both exams are recognised by ACELS, a service of Q.Q.I. (Quality and Qualifications Ireland), a statutory body of the Department of Education and Skills. The advantage of

taking these exams is that they are more flexible and are less expensive than other English examinations. The Director of Studies, together with the teachers, through assessment and testing will advise students which is the most appropriate examination to take.

**Self Study:**

Students wishing to do self study are more than welcome to avail of classrooms, equipment and materials. We can provide a CD player and audio CDs for listening comprehension. Dictionaries and other multi-media resources can be made available to the students upon request.

***My stay was organised so well!  
Interesting private lessons with an  
excellent and experienced teacher.  
Thank you for arranging the use of  
a classroom when I needed to do  
exam preparation.***

**Marta, Poland**



# YOUR CHOICE OF ACCOMMODATION...

**U**sing a language in the everyday situation is the best aid to fluency. For this reason most students choose to stay with a host family.

The highest standard of host family accommodation is available to all Linguaviva students. Families are very carefully selected. All accommodation is inspected and monitored on an ongoing basis by our accommodation officer. Host families are situated in some of the best residential areas of Dublin. Staying in an Irish home ensures total immersion in the language. Students feel at home in the warm, friendly atmosphere of Irish family life and many lasting friendships are made between the student and host family.

## In a host family you will be guaranteed:

- A single room (or twin room depending on the chosen accommodation) not be placed with the same family unless specifically requested
- The full board option includes: breakfast, a packed lunch, an evening meal and all meals on the weekend. The half board option includes: breakfast and an evening meal. It also includes a light lunch on the weekends.
- Study facilities e.g. desk in bedroom.
- Adequate heat during the winter months.
- Students with the same mother tongue will

Guest-house, self-catering or hotel accommodation, which costs considerably more, can be arranged on request for any student not wishing to stay with a host family.

University campus accommodation is also available from June to August inclusive. City centre residence and apartments can also be reserved.



*“Five stars are not enough for my excellent accommodation. I have to give my host mother at least five hearts! She was wonderful and all her family!”*

Daniel, Switzerland

#### Airport Transfer

Remember that if you are feeling nervous about your arrival in Dublin, we can organise an airport transfer. Choosing this service (see price list) means that you will be met in the arrivals hall and brought directly to your chosen accommodation (listed on the price list as “transfer”). A return transfer may also be organised and is especially helpful for students catching an early flight home.



# SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES...

**W**e offer a varied and interesting programme of extra-curricular activities every week. Students are accompanied by a representative of The Linguaviva Centre to places of historical and cultural interest such as:

- Dublin Castle
- Kilmainham Gaol,
- Trinity College
- Guinness Visitors' Centre
- The Dublin Writer's Museum
- Dublinia
- The National Gallery
- The National Museum

To name but a few.....



# WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO DURING THE WEEKEND?

**F**ull day and weekend excursions to such places as Glendalough, Kilkenny and Newgrange are arranged and are led by experienced tour guides. Students wishing to organise their own weekend excursions are assisted by the administration staff. The staff are more than happy to give advice on means of transport, accommodation and places of interest around Ireland.



## Other extra curricular activities:

- A movie or T.V programme is shown in the student lounge area every afternoon. Many students take advantage of this opportunity to just relax and mix with students of other nationalities.
- Pub nights and evening outings are also organised. This is a great way for students to socialise and interact. One of the most popular evening outings is our Irish Dance Party.
- Students can join in organised walking tours where they can experience the bustling city or view the beautiful Irish landscape e.g. Howth, Bray etc.



# EXCELLENT RANGE OF FACILITIES...

- Bus stop directly in front of school.
- Excellent public transport links (LUAS tram, DART rail and Bus Services).
- Spacious classrooms.
- T.V with built in DVD in classrooms.
- CD player available in all classrooms (which can also be made available to students wishing to practice their listening comprehension skills.
- Classrooms and supplementary study materials can be made available for any student e.g. exam materials.
- Laptops and multi-media resources are used by teachers in all courses.
- Student lounge area equipped with large flat screen T.V. and additional computers.
- Tea, coffee and snacks on sale in the cafeteria area of the student lounge.
- Fully equipped computer room which can be used to do research, complete homework or projects, check emails or use social network sites.
- WiFi available in all classrooms and common areas so that students can access the internet on all personal devices such as phones, tablets, laptops etc.
- Library equipped with audio books, popular monthly magazines and journals.
- Games room which includes table tennis, air hockey, snooker/pool and foosball tables.
- Patio area with tables, chairs, parasols, plants and water features.



# SO WHAT TO DO NOW? IT'S EASY...

- Complete the booking form remembering to give your full address, telephone number, email address and date of birth. Students can email the completed form to the school or simply complete the booking online [www.linguaviva.com/booking-index.htm](http://www.linguaviva.com/booking-index.htm).
- Select the course of your choice.
- Indicate whether you require accommodation or not.
- State any allergies or special dietary requirements.
- If you would like us to organise an airport transfer, then please give flight details. If you have not booked your flights, please remember to forward details as soon as possible.
- Send the booking deposit of €150 as soon as you send your completed forms. The deposit can be transferred directly to our bank account or paid by credit card during online booking process. This is non-refundable but is deductible from your total fee.
- Reservations can be made by post, fax, e-mail or online. If you pay online you can pay either the deposit or the full amount. If you are faxing your booking form, you must transfer the deposit directly to our bank account and fax the receipt of transfer together with forms.
- As soon as we receive all your completed forms and booking deposit, we will send you confirmation of

your course and full details of your host family.

- All students are advised to take out both health and personal insurance before they leave their country.

**Check with your nearest Irish embassy if you have any queries regarding visas.**

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