



LFE in collaboration with **Confluence Scotland**

**Annual English Immersion Courses in Edinburgh for
Primary School Teachers, 2010**

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COURSE TIMETABLE

Our trainers share extensive expertise as primary classroom teachers, teacher trainers and as teachers of English to adults. On all outside activities the groups will be accompanied by a language and cultural specialist.

Each course comprises five days of training and requires participation in group discussion and classroom activities as well as small group work. The training is supported by audio and video materials and each participant will receive resource materials on CD.

All participants are encouraged to bring and share materials they have found useful in the English classroom, to augment those presented on the course.

Day 1

- Arrival of participants
- **18.30 Welcome, with buffet food**
Introductions – to each other, to Edinburgh and to the course.

Day 2

- 08.000 onwards Breakfast
- 09.15 Guided transfer to class room to meet teachers
- 09.30 Classes [with coffee break]
Introduction – overview of aims of course.
Informal brief writing assessment – to gauge participants’ needs and interests.
- 12.15-13.15 Lunch
- 13.15-15.30 Classes
An introduction to Scottish history & culture.
- **17.30-19.30 Guided Bus Tour of Edinburgh**
- **19.30 Activity evening, with meal, in Edinburgh’s oldest inn**

Day 3

- 08.00 onwards Breakfast
- 9.15-12.30 Classes [with coffee break]
Discussion of language issues arising from written assessment.
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-16.00 Classes
Preparation for Microteaching task – sample lesson
- **19.30 Dinner in a traditional Scottish restaurant**

Day 4

- 08.00 onwards Breakfast
- 9.15-12.30 Classes [with coffee break]
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-15.30 Classes
- 15.30-17.00 **Visit to Book Shop – with introduction from manager of children’s department**
- **Free evening (dinner money provided)**



Day 5

- 08.00 onwards Breakfast
 - 09.15-12.00 Classes [with coffee break]
 - **Afternoon** **Guided bus tour of East Lothian's castles and coastline (sandwich lunch provided)**
- Historic site visits as potential classroom projects – discussion and illustrated activity on site**
- **Free evening (dinner money provided)**

Day 6

- 08.00 onwards Breakfast
 - 9.15-12.30 Classes [with coffee break]
 - 12.30-13.30 Lunch
 - 13.30-15.30 Group presentations & plenary.
- Final gathering with trainers – with Scottish refreshment.**
- **19.00** **Cultural activity (optional)**

Day 7

Participants depart.

The following topics will be covered during the course:

- Daily language support and practice
- The Four Skills – speaking, listening, reading, writing
- Greetings and personal information
- Teaching children of different ages, abilities and language levels
- Spelling and pronunciation
- Asking for and giving directions – learning through games.
- Classroom language and management.
- Parts of the Body/Health – songs and activities for learning.
- Numbers and counting incl. rhymes, games and songs.
- The Weather and Calendar – teaching vocabulary with flashcards, rhymes and activities
- Telling a story - Writing a story
- Reading a story – Children's literature – Some Scottish authors for children and adults
- Reinforcing vocabulary
- Daily Routine
- Using children's toys for language work
- ICT - Using computer based materials and useful websites
- Micro teaching – presentation to a group, and discussion