

Intensive Study Week



At a glance:

- Full Package Available
- Suitable for Closed Groups of Students aged 12+
- Available from September — June
- 15 Hours of English Language Class per week
- Choice of Morning and Afternoon Class options

This fun, interactive cultural programme is ideal for school groups who have a short time to spend abroad.

1 week ISW Package includes:

- Return Airport Transfers (Dublin International Airport)
- Welcome Pack
- Welcome Induction
- Level Test
- 15 Hours of general English tuition per week
- Maximum 15 Students per Class
- Free Internet/Wifi
- Access to School Facilities/Administration
- 7 Nights Full Board Host Family Accommodation (Shared room for students/Single room for leaders)
- 1 Leader free per 15 Students
- 1 Guided Tour of Dublin City with Professional Tour Guide
- 2 Afternoon Activities
- 1 Evening Activity
- 1 Full Day Excursion
- Certificate on Completion
- 24 Hour Student Support/Emergency Number



About the school

Active Language Learning is a beautiful boutique-style, family-run, EAQUALS accredited school and has been offering gold standard quality courses in the ELT market for over 34 years. Our focus is on quality courses and maintaining the highest quality service.



About Dun Laoghaire

Students from all over the world come to our school to improve their English in a fun and exciting location in Dublin's upmarket coastal town of Dun Laoghaire (pronounced 'Don Liri'). Dun Laoghaire was crowned as Europe's "Greatest Town" of 2022 at the Urbanism Awards in London in November 2022.

A charming seaside suburban town only 15 minutes by local train from Dublin city centre. There are plenty of small local shops, cafes and restaurants where you can sit and enjoy the stunning sea views. Dun Laoghaire is one of the only Dublin suburbs to include both a cinema and a theatre as part of its many attractions. The town also boasts Ireland's largest, state of the art public library, situated in an incredible building with an innovative design.

Staying in Dun Laoghaire, you have all the benefits of a small town with Dublin very close by. Trains go to the city every 10-15 minutes. In Dublin city, students can enjoy the wealth of museums and shops of a capital city as well as the, now proven,



Accommodation

Our carefully chosen host families are all experienced and very welcoming to our students. All of our friendly host families live within the local area and in many cases students can walk to school.



Course Rationale

During the Intensive Study Week (ISW) students are placed together in closed groups for short periods.

Students attend class for 15 hours (3 hours per day) per week, this is broken into 2 lessons of 1.5 hours each.

The first lesson is a topic-based, general English class and the second lesson is based on aspects of Irish culture, which is linked to the trips/tours students will do during their time here. Both lessons are designed to be communicative and interactive and age appropriate.

We do not impose a single set approach to language teaching, but rather follow the current trend of principled eclecticism. Materials for the general English lesson are chosen from modern course books to reflect current trends in language teaching methodologies.

The course is designed for 3 levels — low (A1/A2), mid (B1/B2-), high (B2+/C1).

As students are placed in closed groups, it is not always possible to have students in class according to their actual language level. For this reason, it is up to the teacher to adapt the material up or down, appropriate to the students in a particular class. Teachers use a variety of communicative techniques and teaching strategies to ensure that weaker students are adequately supported while stronger students still feel challenged and stay engaged during lessons. We choose topics which are relevant to students' lives and experiences and which will allow for personalisation of the topics in class. This is vital for student engagement and motivation during lessons.



Syllabus Aims

Main aims:

- ✓ To help learners to practise and develop their skills in using English for effective and successful communication
- ✓ To expose learners to a variety of communicative teaching and learning methodologies, strategies and techniques
- ✓ To expand learners' global knowledge through exposure to aspects of Irish culture .
- ✓ To give learners the opportunity to use English in a communicative way to increase motivation and confidence for communication
- ✓ To give students the opportunity to use known and new vocabulary in interactive, communicative tasks on global topics that are relevant to their lives

Subsidiary aims:

- ✓ Productive skills —Speaking: students will be able to express their opinions, preferences, employ circumlocution, ask for clarification, re-tell a story, ask and answer questions
- ✓ Productive skills — Writing: students will be able to sequence a story and use narrative forms appropriately/accurately
- ✓ Receptive skills — Listening: students will be able to understand the gist of a variety of level appropriate listening texts (Top-down processing)and be able to listen for specific information(bottom up processing)
- ✓ Receptive skills — Reading: students will be able to understand the gist of a level appropriate texts (skimming) and be able to scan a text for specific information

Prices

ISW Courses	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks
Morning (09:30 — 12:15)	€450	€850	€1000
Afternoon (13:30 — 16:45)	€420	€820	€950
Extras			
Afternoon	€50	€75	€100
Extra Night	€35 per night		
Special Dietary Requirement	€60 per week		
Single Room Supplement	€20 per night (Limited Availability, Not Guaranteed)		
Individual Airport Transfer	€75 each way		
Local Teacher to accompany the group	€80 Full Day/ €60 Half day/ €50 Evening		
Additional Activity	€10 per student (for Afternoon/Evening)		

Please note:

- Accompanying group leaders must accompany and supervise students on all activities/excursions.
- The above pricelist does not include: medical/travel insurance or examination fee.
- All leaders are accommodated in a single room host family accommodation on a full board basis — no refund will be issued for alternative accommodation.
- Student should bring their own pens.
- Students must adhere to rules and regulations as stated and signed by guardian on enrolment form.
- ALL shall have full control & authority over all juniors.
- ALL may at any time dismiss a pupil and will not be liable for any articles or property.
- The parent or guardian hereby indemnifies ALL against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and damages arising from misconduct, default or any breach of law whatever on the part of the pupil.
- School closure due to serious global or national issues (Financial, Pandemic, Extreme Adverse Weather etc.) beyond school or student remit will incur a course break clause only and not a refund policy.

