



Clare Language  
Centre

## Information for Agents

### Agents please note:

We offer closed groups other options and are flexible when meeting the needs of clients. Groups can request Trinity Exam programmes, PON and Alternanza courses.

Agents can request an agency agreement by emailing us. We take direct bookings for adults, for junior courses we ask that you request your nearest agency via email or check our website.

*We would love to see you in  
County Clare soon.*

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## Welcome to Clare Language Centre

Clare Language Centre offers students an opportunity to learn English, while enjoying an exciting mix of extracurricular activities in one of the most scenic parts of Ireland, the famous Wild Atlantic Way.

A family-run business, with 25 years of experience providing a very personal service to each student. Our activity programmes are fun and safe, while our classes focus on encouraging students to use their spoken English through games and project-based learning.

We aim to match students to the most suitable of our caring, friendly host families.

Thank you for taking the time to read our brochure. Please contact [info@clarelc.ie](mailto:info@clarelc.ie) if you have any questions.

## Why CLC?

- ✓ All our teachers are fully qualified and native speakers
- ✓ Communicative classes, students experience the living language
- ✓ Personalised courses to meet student's needs
- ✓ Friendly, caring host families offer a fully immersive experience
- ✓ Choice of extracurricular activities
- ✓ Excursions to some of the most scenic places in Ireland, including the famous Cliffs of Moher
- ✓ Ennis is a pretty medieval town, with plenty of shops and restaurants



## Adult courses

Students come to Clare Language Centre from a variety of different countries, ages and professional backgrounds.

Students come to us to improve their English for work, study, travel or personal development.

Our Academic Management team monitor student's progress and work together with the student to ensure they meet their learning objectives.



## CLC:

- ✓ 25 years experience of teaching English to adult learners.
- ✓ All teachers are degree qualified, native speakers, with specialist qualifications in teaching English from beginner (A1) to proficiency level (C2).
- ✓ Maximum number of students in a class is 6. The average is 4
- ✓ Level-tested small groups, with communicative style of teaching in all classes
- ✓ Adult courses run from March to October and start every Monday morning
- ✓ Social programme includes orientation tour and famous Irish nightlife with traditional music.
- ✓ Optional excursions available for half days on Wednesdays and full days on Saturdays
- ✓ Self assessment of learning needs completed before arrival
- ✓ Weekly monitoring of progress
- ✓ Certificate of completion on departure

## Courses offered:

- ✓ Business English
- ✓ One-to-one and English for Special Purposes
- ✓ IELTS and Cambridge First and Advanced Examination Preparation offered
- ✓ Intensive courses
- ✓ Option of adding one-to-one classes: Intensive + 5 and Intensive + 10
- ✓ Summer programmes for adults with excursions, accommodation and social activities included



## Teacher Training courses

Clare Language Centre offers teachers practical training courses that have been specifically designed for non-native teachers of English at primary and secondary-school level or for teachers who would like to use Content and Language and Integrated Learning (CLIL).

These courses provide language development classes and methodology modules focused on the teaching of English in the classroom.

The teacher should leave with practical skills and resources to use in their classes upon completion of these courses.

Teachers should check for funding options with Erasmus + as all courses were developed within the Erasmus+ framework.

**Tuition:**  
15 hours per week in the classroom

**Times:**  
09.30–11.00 and 11.30–13.00

**Days:** Monday to Friday

Afternoon cultural programme and excursions based on Irish culture

**Class size:** Maximum 6

**Minimum number:**  
A minimum number of 6 participants is required to run a closed group course

**Minimum duration:**  
2 weeks for Primary & Secondary and 1 & 2 week options for CLIL

**Starts:**  
On fixed dates every year and on request for groups



## Work Experience Programmes

Our work experience programme includes English classes and gives students a chance to continue to practise their English, with an unpaid placement in a local company.

This programme maximises the student's opportunity to speak English throughout the day and provides practical experience of working through the English language.

There are two options available to our students:

### Option 1 for groups or individual students:

English Language Classes in the morning 9.30 - 13.00 with a 30 minute break and a work placement in the afternoon

**Minimum duration:**  
Two weeks

**Age:** 16+

The company will decide on the work schedule

Placements will be based on level of English

Suitable for ASL students with a total of 80 hours completed in two weeks

### Option 2 for groups only:

One week intensive English course and a 5 week work placement

This programme allows students to gain valuable experience in their chosen field, working in an English-speaking environment.

**Minimum duration:**  
Six weeks

**Age:**  
18+

The company will decide on the work schedule

Availability of placements may vary according to the sector

All participants are assessed in advance by the course coordinator and must complete a C.V, a Skype interview and a language assessment.



## Family Programme

We offer families a fun holiday opportunity, combining sight-seeing and activities with a chance to learn the English language and experience a new culture, in a relaxed environment.

Ennis is a pretty medieval town with shops, pubs, restaurants and local entertainment including our special activities and excursions. Car hire is also an option to discover more of the Wild Atlantic Way.

### CLC:

- ✓ Adults join our small group (maximum 6) Semi-intensive Course (9.30 – 13.00)
- ✓ Children are grouped by age: 5 to 8; 9 to 11; 12 to 17 unless there is a big level difference
- ✓ The English Course for younger children is based on having fun and doing activities through English.
- ✓ The English Course for older children includes projects and activities inside and outside the classroom
- ✓ Teenagers (12 to 17 years old) can take the Family Course OR they can take our Junior English and Activities Course from 9.15 to 17.15 each day
- ✓ We offer courses at Easter as well as in July and August
- ✓ There are various accommodation options for families
- ✓ Adults and children aged 5-11 have classes from 9.30 - 13.00 with a 30 minute break
- ✓ Children are put in class according to age/level which will result in a good nationality mix
- ✓ 11 - 17 year olds have classes from 9.15 - 12.45
- ✓ Fun activities and excursions are available



## Accommodation

### Host families:

Our host families are excellent and take really good care of all of our students. Staying with one of our families is a great way to practise speaking English and to gain a real cultural experience by discovering what life is like in an Irish home.

Our students often comment on how welcome they feel and we receive very positive feedback about our host families.



### You can expect:

A welcoming and caring Irish host family that is carefully selected and visited by our Accommodation Officer and vetted by the Police.

Students can ask to stay in Ennis town or in the countryside. Students staying in Ennis town walk to school while those staying in the countryside are driven by their families each day.

Three healthy meals each day for junior students: Breakfast, Packed Lunch and Dinner. Two healthy meals each day for adult students: Breakfast and Dinner.

Special dietary needs (coeliac etc) can be catered for on request (costs may apply)

We have other accommodation available such as:

- ✓ Residential in neighbouring holiday village
- ✓ Self-catering in a house
- ✓ B&B and Hotels



## Mini stay courses for groups

Clare Language Centre offers a week long intensive course with activities for school students. The Trinity Exam can be taken at the end of your course.

This course is tailored to groups wishing to travel within the school term (September to June) which will allow the students to see a real improvement in their English level in a short time.

Ennis is the perfect place for a mini stay group. The town centre is easy walking distance from the school, the town is extremely safe yet with plenty to do and see. We can put together a programme of fun in-house activities, cultural excursions, and exciting day-trips. Depending on budgetary requirements, we can book a range of visits and arrange private coaches.

### CLC:

- ✓ Basic package includes 15 hours of classes, activities with local leaders and full board accommodation.
- ✓ The majority of our students stay in host families, allowing them to make the most of their short time in Ireland. However, residential options are also available.
- ✓ Groups can choose general English classes or request a customised syllabus.
- ✓ Mini-stay programmes can be tailored to the specific needs of the group
- ✓ Option of overnight in Dublin with tour, local leader and evening meal available on arrival or departure into Dublin airport
- ✓ Arrival and departure available mid week



## Junior Courses

Clare Language Centre offers an exciting programme of English classes and extracurricular activities to foreign teenagers aged 12 - 17 years old who want to learn English in the beautiful West of Ireland.

We are a family-run business and we offer a personalised service, taking excellent care of all our junior students. Ennis is a small, safe town with no public transport so students either walk to school if they stay in town or get driven to school by their family if they stay in the countryside.

### CLC:

- ✓ A staff member meets students at the airport in Ireland
- ✓ We carefully place each student with one of our dedicated host families
- ✓ We place each student in classes appropriate to their level of English
- ✓ We integrate each new individual student on the first lunchtime with an outing together
- ✓ Our classes are communicative – with a focus on developing student's fluency and speaking ability
- ✓ We provide students with a range of fun activities
- ✓ We have a specific leader assigned to look after individual students who checks on them every day
- ✓ At the end of their stay we organise their transfer and check them in at the airport



### Fun activities:

- ✓ Multi activities programme
- ✓ Surfing in the Atlantic Ocean
- ✓ Horse riding on the grounds of a castle
- ✓ Playing golf on world class courses
- ✓ Practising tennis with international friends

### An average day:

9.15 to 12.45: 3 hours of communicative classes

13.45 to 17.15: Fun activities, making new friends from all over the world. Half day excursion every Wednesday

19.00 to 21.00: Evening activities in town or time with your host family. Disco every Wednesday

Saturday, full day excursions: Visit to Galway city, Ireland's city of culture and to the Aran Islands, explore by bicycle or horse and cart tour.

Sunday is family day - discover the real Irish culture with your new family.



## Junior Summer Camp with Irish kids - Kinvara

We offer a very special Summer programme for young learners aged 9 to 13 in July, located in the Burren National Park. This unique programme offers extra immersion as Irish children from the host families participate in the activities programme with the young students.

We have particularly high-quality country families located, in and near the picturesque fishing village of Kinvara, close to the sea. This is a small programme with a maximum capacity of 60 students so early booking is advised.

### CLC:

- ✓ High level of care and support for all young students attending this camp
- ✓ Due to their young age, students in this camp are placed in pairs in the host family and will likely share the family with students from another nationality.
- ✓ All classes are communicative and students are level tested on day one
- ✓ Students have a multi activities programme that is both fun and interactive
- ✓ All breaks, lunch times and activities are shared with Irish children, providing a unique, fun and interactive English learning experience
- ✓ There is a real cultural exchange in this camp as students also teach the Irish children about their country and culture.
- ✓ Students speak English almost all the time and form real friendships with Irish children

### An average day:

**9.15 - 12.45:** 3 hours of communicative classes with native English speaking teachers

**13.45 - 17.00:** Fun activities with new friends from Ireland and other countries. Half day excursion one day per week

Evenings are spent with the host family. There is one disco each week where students and local children continue to mix.

Saturday excursions: Visit the Aran Islands and explore the smallest Island called Inis Oirr, by bicycle. Visit the Ailwee Caves and explore the Burren

Sunday is family day - Discover real Irish culture with your new family.



## Testimonials

*"Our students had an excellent time! Great service and incredible people!"*

Sabine, Austria, Mini Stay school group

*"I have been to clare language centre four times in a row, I love how teachers are so nice and friendly, the excursions are wonderful"*

Angel, Spain, Adult course

*"Spectacular, my son will definitely return, you're all excellent and he really enjoyed it"*

Eva, Spain, Mother of junior student.

*"The friendliest staff and best family. Thank you all"*

Matteo, Italy, Junior student