



Waterford English
Language Centres

Adult English Language Courses in Ireland **Learn a Language For Life**

WELC also offers Junior English Programmes.
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Welcome...

to Waterford English Language Centres (WELC)

At WELC we guarantee a personal touch. We feel privileged to share what is often a life changing experience for many of our students. It is truly rewarding to be part of your journey...even if it is for only a while!

We are committed to providing **high-quality English language programmes** to suit your individual needs and we assure you of a professional and caring service.

We offer a **wide range of courses** for students of different ages and levels of English, all of which are **approved** in Ireland by the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland for

English Language Teaching (ELT). Our courses are conducted by fully qualified and **experienced native teachers** who love what they do and use all their knowledge and excitement when teaching and sharing our culture.

Students attending our courses can choose to live with a family or in residential accommodation.

We are committed to improving and developing our programmes and services on continuous basis and will introduce new programmes, so please do have a look at our website for the most up to date information.

Come and live the WELC experience for yourself.





About WELC

Our small friendly school has been welcoming students to Waterford since 1967. In that time we have learned that creating the right environment is crucial for helping learners to reach their goals. We want our learners to feel part of our school family and the wider community. We facilitate this with personalized support, small learning groups, passionate teaching staff and a focus on linking classroom activities to life outside the school.

At WELC we care about each student. We understand how important it is to create a comfortable and relaxed environment within class. Every student should feel good about speaking and learning from mistakes, having fun and meeting new people, all in a respectful and joyful way. To allow this relaxed and intimate atmosphere, our classes are small with on average 4 to 6 students (max. 8 students).

There is strong sense of community in the school and teachers, administrative staff and students interact regularly and freely.

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Reasons to Learn with WELC

1. Recognised by the Irish Department of Education and Skills (QQI).
2. Fully qualified native teachers with years of experience.
3. Small classes.
4. Personalised support
5. Student- focused teaching methodology.
6. A wide selection of general and academic materials and resources.
7. Online support for autonomous learning
8. Great social and activity programme.
9. Safe, friendly historical city with every modern amenity.
10. Five minute walk to the city centre



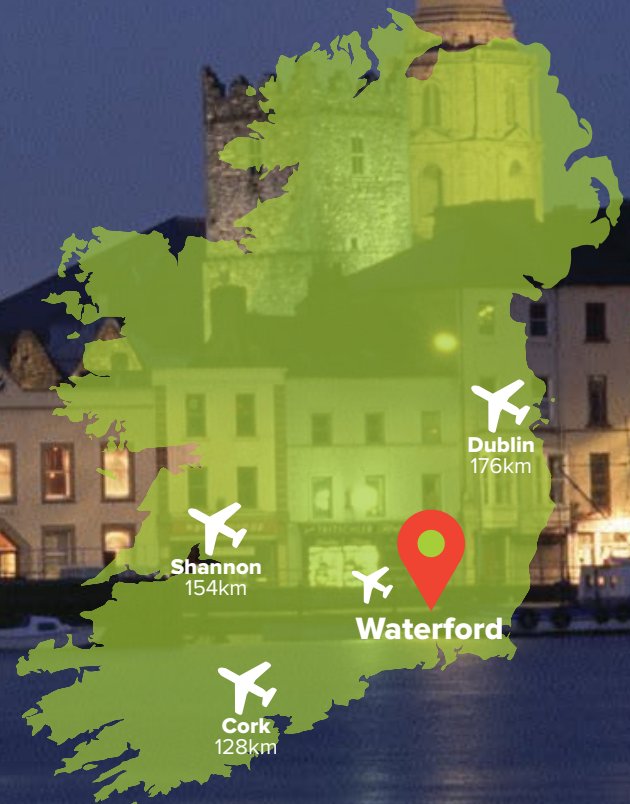
Waterford

You'll be pleasantly surprised at how much there is to see and do in Ireland's oldest city; from the atmospheric streets of the Viking Triangle to crystal craftsmanship; historic cathedrals to vibrant nightlife; award-winning restaurants to super shopping.

Waterford has a major 3rd level college and is a hub for international companies (60 multi-nationals are based in the area).

Waterford is an ideal location to learn English – it offers the best of both worlds; a thriving vibrant city and a beautiful rich coastline and countryside. With lower residential and other living costs compared to other parts of Ireland, quality of life is high and it is very desirable place to live.

It is a lively friendly city which is at the same time relaxed and away from the stressful life of hectic cities.





Dazzling Coastline & Leafy Countryside

Waterford offers a dazzling **147 kilometres of coastline**, with **49 beaches**. You can also find beautiful river valleys, hiking trails, **lakes** and two dramatic ranges of very accessible **mountains**.

Waterford's breathtaking **Copper Coast European Geopark** is a stunning strip of shoreline. Stretching 16 miles from the Victorian **sea-side resort of Tramore** to leafy Stradbally, this short drive spills over with cliffs, coves, sea stacks and coastal views. In wintertime, you may even see **passing whales**.

To the North, the **Comeragh Mountains** offer lots of unforgettable wow moments with glacial lakes and The **Mahon Waterfall**.

Recreation

From a choice of 31 top class **golf courses** to a wide range of maritime activities, Waterford offers the best of recreational activities for all ages and tastes. **Festivals, theatre**, award winning restaurants, Viking trails, opera, there's something for everyone.



Taking Care Of Your Learning



Inspiring Teaching

Student-Centred Methodology

Up-to-date course materials

Adaptable pedagogic approaches

Personalised learner feedback

Modular curriculum

Understanding teachers

Inspiring Learning

Online learning support

Supplementary resources incl. library/dvds/self-study rooms

Individualised learner pathways

Regular formative assessment

Real-world skills focus

Promotion of autonomous skills

Inspiring Lessons


Project based learning activities

Game-based learning

Role plays and presentations


Regular recycling and consolidation

Authentic and multimedia materials

A photograph of a man and a woman looking at a document together. The man is on the left, wearing a grey sweater, and the woman is on the right, wearing a plaid shirt and glasses. They are both looking down at a document on a table. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

‘My experience at WELC has been wonderful. I consider WELC like a big family where people arrive and leave but where everyone is important. I think it’s much more than just a service for clients’

Effisio Manunta (2015)

A close-up portrait of a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a dark blue jacket over a white top with a black pattern. The background is blurred, showing an outdoor setting with other people and a red flag.

My host family 'are kind and beautiful people...they work hard to make you feel like you are in your own home'

Tânia Fontova Vidal (2015)



Accommodation

Host Families

Many of our host families have been with us for years and are very experienced at integrating students into their home. We visit and approve all our host families to ensure the best possible homes for our students. Students take all meals with their host family and laundry is also included (dry cleaning is extra). All our host families are Garda vetted.



Self-Catering Accommodation.

We can also arrange self-catering accommodation in a number of central locations in Waterford City and we would be happy to help any student find their ideal accommodation for the duration of their course.

Other Accommodation

We also can help students arrange their own lodgings in any of a large number of hotels, guesthouses and B+B's in the Waterford area.



Build your own Course

Learners can design their own courses. Learners choose the modules that best suit their needs.

Note: Work and Study IR courses have defined content.



General English Programme (GE10)

Content

Integrated Skills and Structures

Core-Text (70-75% content)

Online Support
(Schoolology LMS)

Supplementary Teacher
Generated and Authentic
Materials

Weekly Formative Assessments

Hours Per Week

10 contact hours

9.00-11.00 Monday-Friday

Duration: 1 - 50 weeks
Rolling Admissions

Levels

CEFRL Bands
A2-C1

Practical English Programme (PE5)

Content

Skills Practice, Project Work
and Learner Training

Consolidation and Recycling of
GE10 content

Authentic and Supplementary
Materials

Hours Per Week

5 contact hours

11.15-12.15 Monday-Friday

1-50 weeks

Duration: 1 - 50 weeks

Levels

CEFRL Bands
A2-C1

Tailored and English for Specific Purpose Programme (TEP)

Content

Tailored 1to1, 2to1 and group
courses

Content as per individual
learner/group requirements

Hours Per Week

As per learner requirements

Duration

As per learner requirements

Levels

CEFRL Bands A2-C1
Business English
ESP
EAP
English for Exams etc.

Academic and Exam English Programme (AE5)

Content

Academic Skills

Exam Strategies (IELTS)

Core-Text book

Learner Training

Hours Per Week

5 contact hours

12.15-13.15

Monday-Friday

Duration: 1 - 50 weeks

Levels

IELTS Bands
3.5-7.5

Academic Programme Part-Time (AP3)

Content

Integrated Cambridge Exam
Course

Core text (70-75% course
content)

Hours Per Week

2 x 1.5 hours

Usually after 18.00

Duration

8-12 weeks

Levels

Cambridge Preliminary,
First,
Advanced.

Key Academic staff

All of our committed teachers have qualifications recognized by the Irish Department of Education and Skills including a minimum of a Bachelors Degree and a TEFL Certificate from a recognized provider. Our programme for continuing professional staff development

includes workshops, seminars, skills swaps, online courses and classroom observations and ensures that our teachers use the most up-to-date methods and approaches. Many of our staff have undertaken QQI Level 9 Masters qualifications in education

disciplines. The wealth of talent, knowledge and experience of our academic team and our extensive online and offline resources allow us to build effective syllabi and learning support to meet the needs of any learner or group.



Bridin Maloney PgDip BA CELTA

'The best part of my job is learning about learners and helping them to learn about themselves and what they need to do to achieve their goals'




**Joe Brennan (Director of Studies)
BA DELTA**



Siobhan Carter BA CELTA

'I thoroughly enjoy teaching students from a range of nationalities and cultures. Motivating learners and watching them progress is the most rewarding and challenging experience for me'



‘We foster an environment which helps learners to take responsibility for their own learning. This maximizes progress for individuals in group lessons and build skills which are transferable to life beyond the English language classroom. Our aim is to support students on their journey of life-long learning’

Joe Brennan (Director of Studies) BA. DELTA



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