



Educational Project with Children in Ireland



1. Educational Project

This program in Ireland is a great opportunity to work with children aged 3 to 12. You will assist local staff during after-school activities, in playschools, and even in summer camps. The goal is to help organize and lead activities with children.

During the school year, your help is needed to run after-school sessions. In the summer, volunteers can also assist in running summer camps. Your role will be to support experienced local staff.

Highlights

- Opportunity to work with children and young people
- Experienced and qualified staff
- Full Cultural immersion in an Irish community
- Unique host family experience

Your role

- Preparing, organizing, and leading activities for children
- Playing with children
- Helping with homework
- Assisting with tidying up
- Cleaning facilities
- Helping during mealtimes
- Running summer camp activities (arts and crafts, games, sports, etc.) during the summer period

2. Summer camp program

Outside the school year, you can take part in summer camps. This program is ideal for those who want to develop their skills in childcare and enjoy a cultural exchange with the children.

Your role will also include supervising children, organizing, and leading fun activities such as creative workshops or sports sessions.

This program is best suited for individuals with prior experience in childcare or youth activities.

Volunteer Profile

These programs are open to individuals who are:

- Friendly, dynamic, sociable, and open-minded
- Enjoy working in a team
- Motivated and energetic to work with children
- Experienced in childcare (previous experience required)
- Intermediate English speakers to communicate with the team and children

Arrival and Orientation

Volunteers can arrive at **Cork airport** (well connected to Paris, London, Munich, Amsterdam and more). **Participants are picked up** by a driver who will be waiting with a sign displaying the participants' name.

Volunteers **stay at a pre-booked hostel for their first night in Cork city**. The hostel is located in the city centre, a very short walk from all the shops and attractions of the city.

After checking in, participants have some free time to rest and to discover Cork city. The hostel staff is very helpful and provides participants with information on what to do, where to eat etc. In the evening, participants will be brought to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner.

On the morning of their second day, participants meet the local staff at the hostel reception and will walk to the venue where the orientation workshop takes place. The orientation workshop lasts approximately 3.5h.

After the orientation workshop and their lunch, participants take part in a 2h walking tour of Cork City.

During the tour, they learn practical advice, cultural and historical information. At the end of the tour, participants are brought to the bus or train station and go to their project location. In some cases, depending on the location and availability of project mentor, the transfer could be done the following morning, after a second night in Cork city.

Departures

Participants can leave either on their last **Saturday** or **Sunday**. The airports are well connected by public transport, it is something participants find easy to do. **The cost of the return transfer is not included in the program.** We advise participants to book a flight **departing later in the afternoon** as it will take time to reach the airport by public transport.

Free Time and Excursions

Ireland is a wonderful place to visit. From vibrant, exciting cities like Dublin, Cork or Galway or Belfast to breath-taking landscapes along the Wild Atlantic Way. Attractions include the world-famous sceneries of Connemara and West Cork, the ring of Kerry, the cliffs of Moher, the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin etc.

There are also a multitude of less touristic but equally interesting places to visit and activities to do such as whale watching in county Cork! CTL staff will give participants further information on visits and excursions during their orientation and in the welcome pack.

Accommodation

Host family (up to 16 weeks)

Staying with a host family allows participants to be fully immersed within Irish culture. Every host family goes through a thorough selection process, we make sure our participants are placed with welcoming and supportive hosts. Host families come in different shapes and sizes: e.g. parents and children with a spare room, a single host mother, or a retired couple. Families give participants an instant support system and help them learn the local language and culture. Most host families offer participants generally their own single room. On occasion participants might have to share a bedroom with another participant from the same gender.

Programs with host family accommodation are limited to 16 weeks. For participants willing to stay longer, a combination of 2 programs may be arranged.

Residential & Shared Houses

Residential accommodation means that the participants are hosted in the project facilities. They are generally sharing the facilities with other international volunteers and can either have a single room or share a bedroom with other volunteers from the same gender. Volunteers find it enjoyable to share accommodations with likeminded people and they generally end up doing activities together during their free time.

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Monday

- Pick up and transfer (if arrival in Cork airport)
- Checking in at Sheilas hostel
- Welcome dinner

Tuesday - General Orientation Day and Transfer to Project

- Pick up at hostel at 9.15am and transfer to the venue for the orientation
- Orientation workshop (3.5h)
- Lunch
- Walking tour in Cork city (1-3pm)
- Transfer to the project
- All meals included (breakfast at hostel)

Wednesday - Introduction to Project and Volunteer Work

- Introduction to volunteer work with project mentor
- All meals included

During the rest of the program

- Volunteer work continues 5 days/week
- 2 days off per week with free time
- All meals included except when volunteer leaves the project location during free time

Last day

- Participant travels to the airport
- Departure transfer cost not included