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STT Course
Public Speaking for Academics

Dublin | Ireland   6 to 12 November 2016

Objectives

The Erasmus Plus STT course on Public Speaking for Academics focuses on the development of communication skills in the academic context. Nowadays, researchers who are keen on advancement in their career must be able to provide inspiring, educational and succinct research proposals. Events like TEDx and FameLab set a gold standard for provision of amazing science-based presentation which impress audiences.

This course is well-suited for academics who want to deliver talks and presentations at international conferences, produce convincing arguments for such things as grant applications and to be a part of academic discussions which further research in their area.

Programme

The course will take place in the capital city of Ireland - Dublin. Participants will be provided with Erasmus Plus Staff Mobility (STT) certificates and EUROPASS upon completion. The course will run for 5 days (25h) and will also include the option to participate in cultural immersion activities including Irish Cultural Night and a visit to the Guinness Storehouse – the world-famous 250-year-old former brewery.

Participants

Course workshop participants should have CEFR level B1 in English and should be willing to improve their academic English skills. PhD holders, PhD candidates and as well other members of academia who would like to advance their communication skills for academia.

Accommodation

Accommodation in Dublin is provided by the organiser and this is included in the price of the seminar. The organiser offers two accommodation options:

- **Apartment Accommodation** self-catering accommodation
- **Accommodation in Host Families** experiencing an Irish family with half-board Monday to Friday and full-board at the weekend

Financing

Participation on the course can be funded through the use of an Erasmus Plus STT grant from your academic institution.

The Organiser, Atlantic Language, will provide the required documents including the STT invitation, work plan and a Certificate of Participation for all seminar participants.

Programme Cost

Option A   €750
Course Programme plus
Apartment Accommodation

Option B   €750
Course Programme plus
Host Family Accommodation

For efficacy of workshops only a limited number of applications can be admitted on the first apply, first served basis.

The Organiser

Atlantic Language is a high quality English language school in Ireland with sites in both Galway in the west and Dublin in the east.

A market leader in language education in Ireland, Atlantic has received several awards including the **Ulster Bank Achievers Award for International Business** in Connacht and the prestigious *Language Travel Magazine* Award for the **Best English Language School Europe 2009** which also acknowledged the professionalism of Atlantic Language but also the important part played by Atlantic.

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Outline Workshop Programme

Dr Lou McLaughlin, Atlantic Language's Programme Specialist has, in devising the programme for the Course Workshops, considered the needs of and the challenges faced by English language users when preparing for, presenting to and responding to academic and general audiences. This programme is delivered at Atlantic Language Dublin over 25 workshop hours.

	Topic Focus	Written Skills Work	Language Work
Day 1	A | **Presentation Skills:** *The Key to Successful Presentations*	▪ Identifying components of presentation ▪ Agreeing on 'tips' for presentations ▪ Layout/structure of presentations ▪ Expanding notes into sentences ▪ Giving short presentations	▪ Introductions ▪ Linkers ▪ Fillers ▪ Expressions for signposting
Day 2	B | **Discussion Skills:** *Providing and Requesting Explanations*	▪ Participating in discussion on presentations ▪ Giving short explanations to questions ▪ Asking for short explanations on topics ▪ Skills of listening during discussions	▪ Evaluative language ▪ Noun and relative clauses ▪ Signposting language
Day 3	A | **Presentation Skills:** *Presentation Preparation Drafting*	▪ Brainstorming presentation topic ▪ Outlining presentation points ▪ Practicing presentation from notes ▪ Practicing presentation from memory	▪ Expressions for signposting ▪ Expressions for recapping ▪ Expressions for summarising ▪ Noun phrases for descriptions
Day 4	B | **Discussion Skills:** *Preparing Standard Questions and Turn-taking*	▪ Identifying features of Q&A sessions ▪ Interrupting and responding ▪ Turn-taking: long and short turns	▪ Contextualising ▪ Expressions for interruption ▪ Language of agreement ▪ Language of disagreement
Day 5	A | **Mock Presentations TED-style**	▪ Personal presentations and recordings	▪ Evaluating presentations
	B | **Mock Discussion**	▪ Group discussion on chosen topic	▪ Evaluating discussion contributions ▪ Participant's own presentations will be used as material

Atlantic Language and its tutors reserve the flexibility to amend the sequence or content to be delivered based on the observed or expressed needs of Seminar participants.

Atlantic Language Dublin and Galway are recognised by ACELS, a service of Quality and Qualifications Ireland, for English language teaching (ELT).

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