



KILLARNEY
SCHOOL OF ENGLISH



Work & Study

Welcome to Killarney

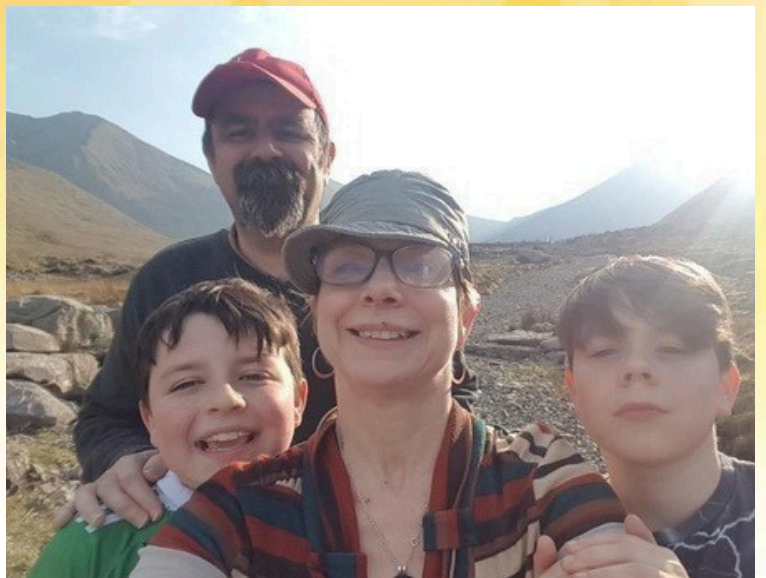
Welcome. Are you somebody who wants to get away from the big city and spend some time studying English and working in one of the most beautiful and interesting areas Ireland? Then let us introduce you to Killarney. Situated on the edge of 26,000 of lakes and mountain ranges, Killarney is a bustling, vibrant town with over 25 years of tourism experience.

If you decide to study with Killarney School of English, not only will you receive best quality English Language tuition from some of the best qualified teachers in Ireland but you will be able to spend your free-time hiking or cycling in the Nat Park, visiting historic monuments such as Ross Castle and Muckross House or wandering around the quaint and picturesque streets of Killarney town with its array of restaurants, shops and pubs.

In addition, you can supplement your income, practice your English and increase your life/work experience by getting a job in one of the many bars, restaurants, cafés and hotels in the town. Killarney School of English has many years of experience in dealing with students from foreign countries and we know what you need to make your stay a success. We are a small family-run school who pride ourselves on our concern for your welfare and progress in English. Whatever way you wish to organize your stay, we the directors, will be delighted to help you so please feel free to email or message us anytime. Most important is that you have a happy and rewarding stay!

Best wishes

Nicola and Feargal



Why Study in Killarney?

The School

Killarney School of English was established in 2000 and is accredited by QQI and the Department of Education. It is a small family-run school situated at the entrance to the National Park, opposite the lower lake and with views of the highest mountain range in Ireland. It is a friendly, peaceful and safe place to study as it is more like a home than a school creating a more relaxed environment for learning English. Despite its size it boasts an impressive array of facilities including a borrowing library, self-study area, and Wi-Fi, a lounge for tea and coffee and transportation to and from town. It also located 5 mins from a small supermarket allowing students to purchase snacks and coffee during the break if they wish. Classes are small, an average of 1-6 students per class the winter and 6-10 students per class in the summer which means that students get a lot of individual attention and support and there is a greater degree of contact between directors, teachers and students.



The Location

Killarney School of English is situated in the most magnificent scenery of Kerry in the south-west of Ireland. It is located at the entrance to the 26,000 acre Killarney National Park with easy access to lakes and mountain ranges. A 2-minute walk will take you to Lough Leane (the lower lake), a 30-minute walk to Muckross House and a 45-minute walk to Torc Waterfall. The McGillicuddy Reeks Mountain range which can be seen from our windows boasts the highest mountains in the whole of Ireland including Carrauntoohil at 1,038m. Because of the beauty of the nature in this area of Ireland, Killarney has become an activity hub for walkers, cyclists, and adventurers. There are so many walks and cycle routes for you to enjoy wherever you live in the area. Even if you are not a walker, the town of Killarney is a lively and vibrant place to spend your time. A tourist town for the past 275 years, its picturesque streets and lanes boast a wide selection of shops, cafés, restaurants, bars and nightclubs for every age group. In addition every year Killarney hosts many festivals, car rallies, trade shows and adventure races, so you will never be bored.

3 Reasons to choose Killarney

The Staff:

All our staff are highly-trained and fully-qualified to teach English as a Foreign Language. They are extremely motivated, supportive of students and sensitive to their cultural and pedagogical needs. Most have experience in teaching EFL either in Ireland or abroad and continue to train by taking part in workshops or training courses in institutions throughout Ireland.

The Work & Study programme:

This programme is on the Irish Governments Interim List of Eligible Programmes (ILEP). This means that it allows students to avail of the Stamp 2 visa enabling study for 25 weeks within an 8-month or 35-week period. If students wish they can also work up to 20 hours per week during their studies and up to 40 hours per week during specific holiday periods (June-September; 15 December- 15 January) Our students come from all over the world to do this programme; Japan, Brazil, Chile, South Korea, Argentina, and Mexico so there is often a great cultural mix of students. Their main aim is to improve their English and practice their English in a working environment.



Job availability:

There are many jobs in the industry during the key tourist seasons. For students with beginner to pre intermediate level English, jobs can be found in hotels as accommodation assistants, hotel porters, in restaurants and cafes as kitchen porters, glass collectors, and runners, in shops as shelf-stockers or warehouse people. For students with intermediate to advanced English, jobs can be found as waiters, barmen, baristas and fast-food servers.

English-speaking opportunities:

There are no large communities of any one nationality. Compared with Dublin or the other big cities there are many more opportunities to practice your English outside of class or, let's say, fewer temptations to speak your own language. The school itself is an English-speaking zone allowing a student to make greater progress in their English and class sizes are small allowing greater progress.

Affordable Accommodation:

There is a lot more affordable and comfortable accommodation in Killarney than in the big cities. Dublin, in particular, suffers from a complete lack of decent rental accommodation leading to students having to rent very small rooms at extortionate prices in houses crowded with other tenants. Often they need to share these rooms with other people. In Killarney the situation is completely different. Provided students don't arrive during the summer months, there is always good availability of rooms in fine houses in decent locations within easy reach of the town.

Programme Content

Placement Test

Once you have applied to the school you will be asked to complete a placement test which will be used to assess your current level of English and will allow us to place you in the appropriate level for your stay. This assessment is based on your performance in the three main skill areas of reading, writing and grammatical awareness.

Your Level

Beginner to Advanced which closely follow the Common European Framework Levels (A1 to C1). After completion of the test you will be placed in one of these levels and allocated an appropriate class. During the first week the teacher will assess your suitability within the level by testing your oral and aural skills and general ability to keep up with the class. If they feel that you are not at the correct level it will be possible to move you either up or down to a level more appropriate for you.

Orientation

On your first day you will be taken on a quick tour of the school, and introduced to key staff members. Within the first couple of days you will have a meeting with the director and academic manager to check that all is going well and to go through the details of the course and the assessment framework. You will be guided towards a set of English-language learning goal which can ideally be met at the end of your 25-week programme.

Course Timetable Term 1-12 weeks

The course is a General English Course consisting of 15 hours of tuition per week (375 hours in total). Teachers use a communicative methodology in which communication through English is the main goal. All 4 skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking are integrated into the course curriculum. At the school we acknowledge that many students have little confidence in speaking and listening. That is why the methodology emphasizes the use of role-play, situational dialogues, discussion and games to increase accuracy and fluency.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:45 - 11:15	Language input	Language input	Language input	Language input	Progress test and feedback
11:15 - 11:30	BREAK				
11:30 - 1:00	Language practice	Language practice	Language practice	Language practice	Language practice

Course Timetable Term 13-25 weeks

During the second term the communicative focus continues but preparation begins for the end of course examination.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:45 - 11:15	Language input	Exam strategies*	Language input	Exam strategies*	Language input
11:15 - 11:30	BREAK				
11:30 - 1:00	Language practice	Exam Practice*	Language practice	Exam practice*	Language practice

CEFR LEVELS

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages



Assessment & Materials



Assessment:

Part of the requirements of your study visa is the completion of an examination at the end of the programme. These examinations differ depending on the exit level of each student.

- A2 exit level exam - ISE Foundation (Trinity exam)
- B1 exit Level exam –PET or IELTS 5.0+ (Cambridge exam)
- B2 exit level exam –FCE or IELTS 6.0+ (Cambridge exam)
- C1 exit level exam – CAE or IELTS 7.0+ (Cambridge exam)

Many of these exams can be taken in a variety of testing centres in Cork or Dublin. The school will help you with the application process. To help you to achieve this, you will be given progress tests on a weekly basis and two internal house tests; one after 12-weeks and another after 24 weeks. These tests will assess whether you have reached the required level to eventually attain your goal.

Materials:

The school has a policy of not strictly following one textbook. This is in order that the varied needs of students is more adequately met in class. Instead, teachers choose materials that are authentic and specifically chosen to motivate the learner, enhance learning and provide plenty of opportunities for the learner to practice their spoken English and listening skills

Transport

Shuttle Bus to/from School: There are no public buses in Killarney so the school provides a bus service to and from various designated bus stops around the town. It brings students to the school between 9:00 and 9:50 and takes them home again between 1:00 and 1:30pm. There is a modest charge for this service.



Fees, Working, Visas and Course Renewals

Fees Include

All course materials and books
Preparation towards Cambridge examinations
An information pack with maps and guides
Monthly meetings to monitor progress.
Wi-Fi and internet access
Advice on university placement and English language examinations.
Advice and help on finding appropriate accommodation.
A certificate of attendance and achievement on course completion.

Fees to NOT include.

Medical Health Insurance. (We can arrange)
Learner Protection Insurance. (We can arrange)
End of stay examination fees (e.g. IELTS exam)

Visa & Student Support

Within, a few weeks of your arrival, somebody from the school will go with you to the Immigration office in Killarney and help you with the paper work needed to get a student visa. We will also help you with a letter for opening a bank account. We can help you with your CV to get a job and we often advertise any suitable jobs that are available in Killarney. During the first month one of the directors or teachers will have an informal chat with you about how you are settling in Killarney. This will give you a chance to tell us about any problems you may have with wither the English course, the accommodation or maybe just adapting to Irish life in general. In addition, we will have regular talks with you to check on your progress with the English Language.

Working in Killarney.

Killarney is a very busy tourist town (the third busiest in Ireland) and there are many jobs in the tourism industry especially from March to September. These jobs are usually in hotels, B&Bs, restaurants or pubs. There are local newspapers www.killarneyadvertiser.ie and <https://killarneyoutlook.com/> with available jobs. Often when you speak to the students already here, they know about jobs available. The school very often posts available jobs on the school Facebook Page. The school and other students also advertise available jobs on the students WhatsApp group.





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