

4 Motors for Europe & Wales
English Language Course
Llangollen, North Wales, Sunday 25th August – Saturday 8th September 2007

Dates	Arrival: on Sunday 25 th August 2007 Departure: on Saturday 8 th September 2007									
Host organisation	ECTARC (The European Centre for Training and Regional Co-operation). Established in 1988 to promote links between Wales and the rest of Europe, ECTARC is an independent, non-profit making training organisation, a registered charity and is accredited by Trinity College, London.									
Location	Llangollen is an ancient market town situated in the beautiful Dee valley. The town is a popular tourist destination renowned for its international music festival (or Eisteddfod) and enjoys a lively atmosphere, with many pubs, cafés and restaurants. Thanks to its position, it is an excellent base for outdoor activities, including walking and canoeing. The town's 3000 years of history are reflected in its many interesting historical sites. Llangollen is also ideally situated for visiting the Snowdonia mountain range, the Roman city of Chester and the maritime city, Liverpool.									
Course	<p>The course will take place from Monday to Friday from 09.30 -16.00, with a mid-morning coffee break and a 1 hour break for lunch each day. It will include over 20 hours English learning weekly, an introduction to Welsh language and culture, and related learning activities. The central aim of the course will be to improve the communication and fluency of participants, with classes designed to encourage oral participation through debate and discussion.</p> <p>There will be an additional cultural/social programme for the evenings and weekend. Excursions will include day trips to either the university town of Aberystwyth or the border city of Chester, and Snowdonia and will be included in the course cost.</p>									
Levels	<p>So that we can place you in the most appropriate group, participants will complete an assessment before the course. There is further assessment, including an oral element, on arrival. We plan to offer classes at three levels, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced, that is, Levels B1, B2 and C1 of the Common European Framework (see below).</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 1267 1513 1957"> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 1267 464 1496">Proficient User</td> <td data-bbox="464 1267 544 1496">C1</td> <td data-bbox="544 1267 1513 1496">Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 1496 464 1957" rowspan="2">Independent User</td> <td data-bbox="464 1496 544 1727">B2</td> <td data-bbox="544 1496 1513 1727">Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her own field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 1727 544 1957">B1</td> <td data-bbox="544 1727 1513 1957">Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected texts on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.</td> </tr> </table>		Proficient User	C1	Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.	Independent User	B2	Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her own field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.	B1	Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected texts on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
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Places	Up to 8 students per region.									

Cost	The fee for the course and cultural programme will be paid by the Welsh Assembly Government. Participants are required to pay for their own travel, accommodation and subsistence costs.
Accommodation	Accommodation will be offered at €37- €54 per night: Bed and Breakfast in a range of family-run guesthouses or self-catering in shared cottages/apartments which are all just a few minutes' walk from the town centre and ECTARC. All accommodation is at least 3***, clean, comfortable and characterful. A deposit of €150 must be paid to reserve accommodation, before arrival in Llangollen. This will be returned to you before you leave at the end of the course. If you do not arrive in Llangollen for the course, you will not be reimbursed.
Travel	We recommend travel by air to Manchester or Liverpool airport. (90 minutes or 60 minutes from Llangollen). A taxi service can be arranged through ECTARC (cost about 60€, which could be divided between delegates travelling together). Travel by coach, bus and train can be very long and transport is infrequent on a Sunday.
Food and drink – Guide prices	Here are some typical prices for food and drink: Sandwich - €3-4, Café lunch €5, Pub, main course - €6-15, Restaurant, starter - €4.50-6, main course - €10-20, dessert - €5-6, Fish and chips (take away) - €7, Cup of tea/coffee - €2, Pint of beer - €3, Glass of wine - €3-4. We have a kitchen and dining area at ECTARC which you are welcome to use at lunch time.
Further information	More detailed information regarding travel to Llangollen, the course programme and accommodation will be available after registration.
Registration	To apply for the English language course in Wales, please send your application form before 30 April to the co-ordinator in your region. (see bottom of application form).