

# “The Belfast Experience”

## English Language and Culture Course

### Northern Ireland August 2015

**Course Provider:** Brodie Language Consultants

**Venue:** Stranmillis Teacher Training College, Belfast

**Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**Target Group** Educationalists and general English learners

**Aims: To give participants**

1. Practice in using English communicatively in a range of authentic contexts
2. First-hand experience of life and culture in a part of the UK
3. An update on changing English language usage, in the UK and globally

### Programme

Date	Time	Activity	Details
Thursday 20 August	Various Times	Arrive in Dublin Airport (or Belfast City or Belfast International Airport)  Goldline shuttle bus to Belfast (if applicable)  <b>Stranmillis College</b> check-in  <b>Address:</b> Stranmillis Road, , Belfast, BT9 5DY  <b>Phone:</b> +44 28 9038 1271	Recommended route: direct flight e.g. from Berlin Schönefeld to Dublin with Ryanair or Aer Lingus.  Participants outside Germany may also fly e.g. Easyjet to Belfast.  Note: Shuttle bus transfer from Dublin to Belfast is included in the course fee.
	17.00	Welcome and Programme Overview	
	18.30	Group Dinner Informal Discussions	Scalini's Restaurant, Botanic Avenue.

<b>Friday 21 August</b>	09.30	Seminar (1) : UK Culture Update	Life in the UK – culture update: a look at the daily newspapers; who’s who in the pop scene and on TV; youth culture; the political landscape, and more.
	12.30	Lunch	Chatz Restaurant, Stranmillis College.
	14.00	Seminar (1) continued	Language activities using newspaper articles, pop songs, and TV clips.
	18.30	Dinner	Spice Restaurant, Stranmillis Road.
<b>Saturday 22 August</b>	09.30	Depart for bus tour of Belfast	Includes a two-hour visit to the Titanic Museum.
	13.00	Lunch	Belfast Centre.
	14.30 - 18.00	Free time in Belfast	
	19.00	Dinner	Cutter’s Wharf, Stranmillis (beside the River Lagan)
<b>Sunday 23 August</b>	09.00	All-day coach tour of scenic County Antrim	Includes a trip to Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge; entrance to Dunluce Castle; and a guided tour of Bushmills Distillery. Lunch will be at the Causeway Hotel, Giant’s Causeway.
	19.00	Light meal	In College.
	22.00 - 24.00	Music evening (optional)	The Empire, Botanic Avenue
<b>Monday 24 August</b>	09.30 - 12.30	Seminar (2): Changing standards in the English language	An update on changing English standards within the UK and globally. Slang, technology and American usage; pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar issues.
	12.30	Lunch	Chatz Restaurant, Stranmillis College.
	14.00 - 15.00	Seminar (2) continued	As above.
	15.00 - 18.00	Field Study: Conducting a <i>Vox Pop</i> Survey	Interviewing locals on themes relevant to course seminars (in pairs) using self-devised

			questionnaires.
<b>Tuesday 25 August</b>	09.00 - 10.30	Feedback and discussion	Pairs present the results of their survey.
	11.00 - 12.30	Creative language practice	Pair and group work.
	14.00 - 17.00	Seminar (3): Introducing Oscar Wilde, C. S. Lewis, John Hewitt and Seamus Heaney	Presentation and creative language work using samples from the works of these four famous Irish/Anglo-Irish writers.
	19.00	Final group dinner Presentation of Course Certificates	Cutter's Wharf, Stranmillis (beside the River Lagan)
<b>Wednesday 26 August</b>	Various times	Departure for airports	For those travelling via Dublin, the cost of the shuttle bus is included in the course fee. (Tickets will be pre-booked.)
<i>Thursday 27 August</i>	<i>Optional extra day for own arrangements</i>		No extra charge for this optional extension other than the cost of an overnight in Stranmillis College.
<i>Friday 28 August</i>	<i>Optional extra day for own arrangements</i>		No extra charge for this optional extension other than the cost of an overnight in Stranmillis College.

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### **Course Application**

Participants should send an application by e-mail to the above address by 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015. A course place is guaranteed upon transfer of 100 Euros, by 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **Payment Arrangements**

Non-refundable deposit of 100 Euros payable by **3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Remaining payment in full by **30 April 2015**

Total Course Fee (excludes airfares): **£ 559**.

*Price covers: return transfer Dublin Airport-Belfast, accommodation and full board in Belfast, tuition fees, course materials, coach hire, museum and all other sightseeing admission fees.*