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Donegal

Language School

LANGUAGE
HORSE RIDING
SURFING
ACTIVITIES
JUNIORS
ADULTS

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a warm welcome, whatever the language!

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Welcome

Established in 1989, Donegal Language School (DLS) has a wealth of experience working with various clients from a diverse range of cultures and nationalities. This experience ensures that we provide a world class service, helping us to provide:

- Varied English language courses for adults and juniors.
- A safe and secure environment for all students
- A variety of activities, specialising in Horse Riding and Surfing packages.
- No registration fee.
- Fully qualified and highly motivated staff.
- Additional support and assistance to students at all times.
- A relaxed yet vibrant atmosphere for students to learn and have fun.



This family run business has developed a reputation for its friendly and personal atmosphere, together with its attention to high academic standards of English Teaching.

Whether you need to learn and improve your English for your job, for further studies or just as part of a language holiday we can offer many different courses to suit you, all year round.

D.L.S is recognised by the Department of Education and Science for the teaching of English as a Foreign Language. D.L.S. is also a member of MEI/RELSA and ACELS.



Junior Programmes

Our Junior Programmes run at Halloween, Easter and the Summer. Our Junior Mini Stay Programme operates from September to mid June.

Bundoran is a very safe place for teenagers to spend a language holiday. The Residential School accommodation is located in a quiet residential part just 8 minutes walk from the town centre.

Established in 1989 our years of experience help us to provide:

- Fully qualified and highly motivated staff
- Supervision 24/7
- All aspects of English language covered
- All course books and materials provided
- Action packed afternoons
- Evening activities and excursions
- Collection from all main airports
- A certificate at the end of the course



The programmes to choose from include:

| ENGLISH & HORSE RIDING | |
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| Course Length | 15 hours (20 lessons) of English language tuition are taught weekly. Our approach is to teach English in a fun and relaxed manner incorporating the four main language skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening |
| Timetable | Classes run Monday to Friday 9.15– 12.30 |
| <p>Our afternoon activities and workshops include: Your afternoon is filled with beach and sand dune trails, cross-country, jumping, games, lessons in our indoor or outdoor arena, stable management, general horse care etc. All of which are offered in our BHS and AIRE approved facilities ensuring high standards.</p> <p>Evening activities include: cinema, cycling, cliff jumping, arts n crafts, Irish music, treasure hunts and much more.</p> <p>Saturdays cultural excursions include a visit to some of Ireland's historic and picturesque towns and cities including Derry, Sligo, Letterkenny and Donegal where the students day will be filled with visiting historical sights and some shopping. Some of the places you will visit include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lough Key Park & Boda Borg • Eagle and Bird Sanctuary • Parkes Castle • Sligo Abbey • Queen Maedbhs Grave <p>Sunday is a free day and the students can relax after a busy week.</p> | |

| ENGLISH & SURFING | |
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| Course Length | 15 hours (20 lessons) of English language tuition are taught weekly. Our approach is to teach English in a fun and relaxed manner incorporating the four main language skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening |
| Timetable | Classes run Monday to Friday 9.15– 12.30 |
| <p>Our afternoon activities and workshops include: Surf lessons covering all levels. From beginners to intermediate and advanced levels. All instructors are fully qualified ISA, experienced surfers, whose aim is to ensure your surfing skills progress in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p>Evening activities include: cinema, cycling, cliff jumping, arts n crafts, irish music, treasure hunts and much more.</p> <p>Saturdays cultural excursions include a visit to some of Ireland's historic and picturesque towns and cities including Derry, Sligo, Letterkenny and Donegal where the students day will be filled with visiting historical sights and some shopping. Some of the places you will visit include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lough Key Park & Boda Borg • Eagle and Bird Sanctuary • Parkes Castle • Sligo Abbey • Queen Maedbhs Grave <p>Sunday is a free day and the students can relax after a busy week.</p> | |

| Junior Group Mini Stay Programme | |
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| Course Length | 15 hours (20 lessons) of English language tuition are taught weekly. Our approach is to teach English in a fun and relaxed manner incorporating the four main language skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening |
| Timetable | Classes run Monday to Friday 9.15– 12.30 |
| <p>The Junior Group Mini Stay Programme allows the school or group to completely tailor make the language & activity package of their choice.</p> <p>You can choose from the following afternoon activities and workshops: Horse Riding, Surfing, Kayaking, Irish Sports – Gaelic Football & Hurley, Cliff Jumping, Team Building, Sailing Tennis , Irish Music, Arts N Crafts, Extra Academic Tuition & Quizes</p> <p>Evening activities include: cinema, cycling, cliff jumping, Arts n Crafts, Irish Music, Treasure Hunts and much more.</p> <p>Saturdays cultural excursions include a visit to some of Ireland's historic and picturesque towns and cities including Derry, Sligo, Letterkenny and Donegal where the students day will be filled with visiting historical sights and some shopping. Some of the places you will visit include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenveagh National Park • Eagle and Bird Sanctuary • Parkes Castle • Sligo Abbey • Queen Maedbhs Grave <p>Sunday is a free day and the students can relax after a busy week. For more information on this programme please click here.</p> | |

Adult Courses

The emphasis at DLS is on small class sizes thereby offering a high quality, learning environment.

From day one, DLS tries to ensure that English is the only spoken language throughout the whole course -not only inside but also outside the classroom.

All lessons are taught by highly qualified English teachers who all hold a minimum certificate of Teaching English as a Second language (TEFL) and a degree.



The first class in the morning is given to grammar. The second class is devoted to audio, vocabulary and reading skills. Debates and discussions are encouraged and occur frequently

Our Adult English Programmes include:

ENGLISH & HORSE RIDING (Adults)

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| Course Length | 15 hours (20 lessons) of English language tuition are taught weekly. Available all year round, this course covers all aspects of the language; grammar, usage, reading, writing, listening. |
| Timetable | Classes run Monday to Friday 9.15– 12.30 |

Our afternoon equestrian activities and workshops include: Your afternoon is filled with beach and sand dune trails, cross-country, jumping, lessons in our indoor or outdoor arena, stable management, general horse care etc. All of which are offered in our BHS and AIRE approved facilities ensuring high standards.

Evening activities are included three evenings a week and include: cinema, cycling, traditional Irish music sessions, arts n crafts, Irish music, and much more.

Saturdays cultural excursions include a visit to some of Ireland's historic and picturesque towns and cities including Derry, Sligo, Letterkenny and Donegal where the students day will be filled with visiting historical sights and some shopping. Some of the places you will visit include:

- Glenveagh National Park
- Eagle and Bird Sanctuary
- Parkes Castle
- Sligo Abbey
- Queen Maedbhs Grave

Sunday is a free day and the students can relax after a busy week.

| General English | |
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| Course Length | Minimum of 1 week |
| Hours Per Week | 15 Hours/week |
| Class Size | 6 -12 Students |
| Timetable | 9.15 -12.30 (Monday -Friday) |
| Minimum Age | 18 years old |
| <p>Available all year round, this course covers all aspects of the language; grammar, usage, reading, writing, listening.</p> <p>This is an 'all-round' course, specially designed and conducted to encourage you to join in, grow in confidence and develop your knowledge of good, practical English. Students are tested regularly to make sure they are at the right level.</p> <p>All courses can be tailor made to include Horse Riding, Surfing, Golf, Hill Walking or why not combine your activities to suit your requirements.</p> | |

| ENGLISH & SURFING(Adults) | |
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| Course Length | 15 hours (20 lessons) of English language tuition are taught weekly. Our approach is to teach English in a fun and relaxed manner incorporating the four main language skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening |
| Timetable | Classes run Monday to Friday 9.15– 12.30 |
| <p>Our afternoon activities and workshops include: Surf lessons covering all levels. From beginners to intermediate and advanced levels. All instructors are fully qualified ISA, experienced surfers, whose aim is to ensure your surfing skills progress in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p>Evening activities include: cinema, cycling, cliff jumping, arts n crafts, irish music, treasure hunts and much more.</p> <p>Saturdays cultural excursions include a visit to some of Ireland's historic and picturesque towns and cities including Derry, Sligo, Letterkenny and Donegal where the students day will be filled with visiting historical sights and some shopping. Some of the places you will visit include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lough Key Park & Boda Borg • Eagle and Bird Sanctuary • Parkes Castle • Sligo Abbey • Queen Maedbh's Grave <p>Sunday is a free day and the students can relax after a busy week.</p> | |

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| EXAM PREPARATION We offer the FCE, CAE, CPE exam preparation courses. Quality teaching combined with small classes' guarantees results. | |
| Course Length | Minimum of 1 week |
| Hours Per Week | 22 Hours/week |
| Class Size | 6 -12 Students |
| Couse Timetbable | 9.00 -12.50 (Monday -Friday) 14.00 -15.50 (Monday -Thursday) |
| Minimum Age | 18 years old |
| <p>This course incorporates General English in morning classes together with dedicated Examination preparation and practice in afternoon classes.</p> <p>While we recommend a full twelve-week term for these courses, we are prepared to accept students for shorter periods depending on their level and particular educational needs.</p> <p>All courses can be tailor made to include Horse Riding, Surfing, Golf, Hill Walking or why not combine your activities to suit your requirements</p> | |

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| ONE TO ONE TUITION | |
| Course Length | Minimum of 1 week |
| Hours Per Week | 5 -30 Hours/week |
| Minimum Age | 18 years old |
| <p>This course is tailor made for the student who needs to make rapid progress or who wishes to concentrate on particular areas of the language such as grammar, pronunciation etc.</p> <p>Individual tuition can also be combined with other programmes to maximise your learning capabilities.</p> <p>All courses can be tailor made to include Horse Riding, Surfing, Golf, Hill Walking or why not combine your activities to suit your requirements</p> | |

| INTENSIVE ENGLISH (26 lessons, 22 hours per week) | |
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| Course Length | Minimum of 1 week |
| Hours Per Week | 25 Hours/week |
| Class Size | 6 -12 Students |
| Couse Timetable | 9.00 -13.30 (Monday -Friday) 14.30 -15.45 (Monday -Thursday) |
| Minimum Age | 18 years old |
| <p>Available all year round, this English language course is designed for the motivated English language student and the student who wishes to maximise their time spent in Ireland as effectively as possible.</p> <p>For all courses over 15 hours we introduce two teachers to maximise the students learning capacity.</p> <p>All courses can be tailor made to include Horse Riding, Surfing, Golf, Hill Walking or why not combine your activities to suit your requirements.</p> | |

| BUSINESS ENGLISH (26 lessons, 22 hours per week) | |
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| Course Length | Minimum of 1 week |
| Hours Per Week | 25 Hours/week |
| Class Size | 6 -12 Students |
| Couse Timetbale | 9.00 -13.30 (Monday -Friday) 14.30 -15.45 (Monday -Thursday) |
| Minimum Age | 18 years old |
| <p>This is an excellent combination course for students who not only want to improve their existing General English skills but also to learn the language of the business world. General English is studied in morning classes and Business English in the Afternoon sessions.</p> <p>Your afternoon classes introduce you to the language of the business environment and you will develop and practice English for everyday, practical situations. Language for topics such as Meetings & Negotiations, Presentations, Sales & Marketing, telephone practices etc.</p> <p>All courses can be tailor made to include Horse Riding, Surfing, Golf, Hill Walking or why not combine your activities to suit your requirements.</p> | |

Accommodation

Donegal Bay Holiday Centre: Our residential centre is situated just 8 minutes walk from the town centre in the quiet cul de sac overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The accommodation is comprised of a small complex of houses. Students can choose to stay at our residential where full board is provided.

Facilities include:

- Spacious ensuite rooms
- Fully supervised at all times
- TV lounge
- Games room
- WIFI



FAMILY HOME STAY...

Living with an Irish family gives our students the chance to 'live the language and to experience the 'Irish way of life' and the Irish people

The students at DLS put their days learning into practice with their chosen family. All our families are carefully selected and regularly inspected by the centre. Accommodation in our host families is arranged on a breakfast, packed lunch and dinner basis (Monday-Saturday), with full board on Sunday.

HOLIDAY HOMES, HOTELS AND B&B'S...

Holiday homes, Hotel and B&B accommodation are available throughout the year. Due to the significant variations in prices, we prefer quoting prices on request.

Contact Us

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Local Information

HOW TO GET HERE

Directions to Donegal Language School...

SELF DRIVE...

N3 via Cavan (from Dublin East Coast)

Take N3 to Ballyshannon via towns Dushaughlin, Navan, Kells, Cavan [Bypass], Enniskillen, Belleek, Ballyshannon {straight through roundabout} N15 for Bundoran for about 6 Km. Drive past Holyrood Hotel take 2nd left after hotel into Bayview Ave. We are the big white house on the right.



N4 via Sligo {West Coast}

Take N4 out of Dublin to Sligo via towns Enfield, Kinnegad, Mullingar and Longford. N15 from Sligo to Bundoran, pass Allingham Arms Hotel on your right take next right into Bayview Ave. Big white house on the right.

From Northern Ireland/Belfast

Take M1 from Belfast to Ballygawley then A4 to Enniskillen and A46 to Belleek. Then as above.

BUS, TRAIN OR PLANE...

Plane -Two flights daily from Dublin to Sligo www.aerarann.ie.

Bus -Four daily services to Ballyshannon -www.buseireann.ie

Train -Three daily services to Sligo www.irishrail.ie

DONEGAL LANGUAGE AND EQUESTRIAN HOLIDAYS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT...

In today's day and age everything we do has an impact on the environment. We at Donegal Language and Equestrian have taken the following steps to try and minimise this impact while providing an experience that is contributing to local communities, responsibly marketed and culturally respectful.

This is confirmed by the fact that we have received the Greenbox Eco Tourism Certification

Below you will find some of the procedures we have put in place;

With our language and activities packages we try to promote a sustainable lifestyle in so far as all activities are within the vicinity of the premises, each have a minimum impact on the environment and are outdoors. The activities include horse riding, surfing, cycling, abseiling, rock climbing, canoeing, walking etc. In relation to our language courses all teachers are employed locally and we ensure all photo copying is double sided. In relation to all activities 90% of our guides are local. The maximum number on each course per guide is 15 people. On all cultural excursions the students are also taken to local areas of historical importance and visit local crafts persons.

We have a recycling system in place for our students in the kitchen. All food wastage is recycled into compost.

We source as much of our food possible locally. All other food purchased is bought in bulk ensuring that we cut down on packaging. If a product has a lot of packaging we reconsider its purchase. We have nearly cut out all printing with our brochure now downloadable from the website cutting down on our paper wastage.

The horse riding trails go into some protected areas and our guides ensure that the designated paths are always used and there is a strict leave no trace policy on all our trails.

Our guides are well equipped with knowledge on our local wildlife and how to best help maintain the beautiful countryside and wildlife.

Websites

THINGS TO DO...

Donegal Equestrian Trails invites you the rider to experience a week of Equine pleasure in Ireland's best kept secret the North West -www.donegalequestrianholidays.com

Bundoran Surf Company is the premier surf shop and surf school in the north west of Ireland. Call in and check out their extensive range of surfboards, wetsuits, clothing & accessories -www.bundoransurfco.com

High speed tours of Donegal Bay in a state of the art RIB. Amazing islands, scenery and wildlife -www.bundoranseaventures.com

Bundoran Adventure Park. Thrilling funfair rides for all the family -www.bundoran-adventure-park.com

Sea angling charters in Bundoran from the Boat Quay with local fisherman Paddy Doherty www.bundoranstar.com

SELF CATERING HOLIDAY HOMES...

Donegal Bay Holiday Homes

Offering four bedroom bungalows eight minutes outside Bundoran, overlooking the Atlantic ocean. <http://www.donegalbayholidayhomes.com>

HOTELS...

Fitzgerald's provides superior 3 Star hotel accommodation, overlooking Donegal Bay www.fitzgeraldshotel.com

Allingham Arms -Quality 3 Star accommodation in the heart of Bundoran overlooking Donegal Bay www.allinghamarmshotel.net

TOURIST INFORMATION PROVIDERS...

Tourist information for the northwest of Donegal -www.irelandnorthwest.ie

Donegal Bay tourist information site -www.donegalbay.com

Special offers within Donegal -www.donegaldirect.com