



# Connemara English Language School

Study English in a family run English language school  
in a beautiful rural location in County Galway, Ireland.



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES  
FOR FAMILIES, ADULTS & JUNIORS**



## Study English in Connemara, County Galway, Ireland

Welcome to the Connemara English Language School in Letterfrack, Connemara, County Galway. The Connemara English Language School is a family run school of English in the most beautiful rural location in Galway.



The Connemara English Language School is unique for a number of reasons:

- ◇ It is a small, family run English language school.
- ◇ It is located in a beautiful, countryside location beside Connemara National Park, Diamond mountain, sea and Letterfrack village.
- ◇ Class sizes are small (from 6-12 students per class).
- ◇ Students and their families live in and become familiar with a village, a community and a people.
- ◇ Students and their families can experience the rich Irish culture of music, dance, poetry, art and conversation.
- ◇ Children from the age of 3 are welcome to our classes.
- ◇ We offer a peaceful, safe environment for all English language learners.
- ◇ Exam and business students can study English in an environment that encourages learning.
- ◇ There are a wide variety of activities available to students
- ◇ The accommodation is of a very high standard at affordable prices.
- ◇ The accommodation is minutes walk from the school.

***Places are limited!***

*Book early to avoid disappointment.*



## Location

The Connemara English Language School is based in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Connemara is a well known tourist destination famed for the Twelve Bens Mountain range and amazing ocean scenery.



**The school** is located in **Letterfrack village** in a two hundred year old Irish cottage with a natural thatch roof. The cottage has been extended to the rear and also includes a commercial kitchen which our students use every week. We also use additional classrooms at the local primary school during July and August. We have full use of the school facilities which are less than a minutes walk from the main school building.

Letterfrack is a small, quiet and friendly village. It is the location of the Connemara National Park and Diamond Mountain. There are boat trips available from Letterfrack pier. The village has a choice of pubs, restaurants and a good supermarket. Letterfrack village is a centre for arts, music and culture in the local area. Traditional Irish music and dance is available every week in Letterfrack.

Clifden, Galway city and Westport are easily accessible by bus and car.

**The Connemara area** is an amazing natural location with mountains, lakes, rivers, white sandy beaches, bogs and cliffs. It also boasts rare and beautiful fauna and flora and abundant animal and sea life. The local people have a rich cultural heritage which they are delighted to share with visitors to the area. There are monuments of interest from ancient Celtic times and castles from a more recent historical period.

***Connemara is a place people return to and returning visitors are welcomed with open arms.***



Letterfrack, Co. Galway, Ireland  
1.15 hrs from Galway  
3.15 hrs from Dublin



## Courses for Families and Children

Children from the age of 3 can enrol in our classes. Class groups are small. Local children participate in the classes and enjoy meeting the young, English learners and joining in the class activities.

Classes for younger children focus on learning English through activities, play, drama, cooking, friendships and games.

Classes for older children introduce grammar and English learning in exciting and interesting ways so that students are enthusiastic to learn.

Afternoon activities can be organised for students. We have a variety of activities on offer.

Parents and other adults can enrol in courses for adults to suit their level of English. We can organise activities for the whole family group.

The accommodation is close to the Connemara English Language School and is of a high quality. Students often meet each other and the local children who participate in their classes in the afternoons and evenings.

Letterfrack is a small, friendly village with a vibrant community of traditional musicians and artists and English language students can easily become involved in village life.

Letterfrack and Connemara are popular holiday destinations with lots to do and see in the afternoons for families.



*"The classes are experiences: they cook, they play, they draw, they sing, they laugh, all within a perfect atmosphere, surrounded by Irish boys and girls their same age." - Ana from Spain*



## Courses for Juniors

We offer courses for groups and individual teenage language learners.

1. **Groups** can be provided with English language tuition, food, accommodation, activities and transport. Talk to us about the needs of your group and we will devise a program to suit you.
2. **Individual language learners** can be accommodated with local host families. The host families are very carefully chosen and will ideally have a child/children of a similar age. The young learners family placement is supervised closely by the staff from the Connemara English Language school. All meals are provided.
3. **Lessons** will take place each morning for three hours from Monday to Friday. Extra lessons can be arranged as requested.
4. **Activities** will be organized for four afternoons and one full day at the weekend. We have a choice of activities including, sport, dancing, mountain biking, surfing, horse riding, music, drama and so forth. We are keen to include activities of interest to the young person. We also aim to include local young people in the activity sessions where possible.
5. **Junior Tie Examination Course.** We offer a three week program for junior learners who wish to take the Junior Tie exam. The Junior Tie is an internationally recognized exam that focuses on students completing project work of their own choice.
6. **Radio Presentation Course.** This three week course introduces junior learners to how a radio station operates, presentation skills, editing, research and production skills, finding your radio voice and technical skills. Students will record their own radio program. This course can be combined with the Junior Tie Examination Course.



## Courses for Adults

We offer a range of courses for adults in the relaxing environment of the Connemara English Language School. Courses are designed to meet the needs of individual learners within a small group setting. Learners are encouraged to make links with people in the local community through interests and activities.

1. General English course with class groups suitable for different levels of learners.
2. English for exam. Exam preparation courses which run from 3 to 25 weeks depending on the needs of individual students. Cambridge, IELTS and TIE exam courses at every level.
3. Business English which is designed to meet the needs of individual learners.
4. Extra classes including one to one classes can be arranged as required.

Email or phone to discuss your learning needs and a course will be designed to suit you.

## Activities

We work with activity providers in the local community to offer a full range of activities to our English learners of every age. Activities on offer include:



*"The English school is motivated, fun, full of different suggestions... the village and its surround are marvellous... I repeated the experience last year and I'm planning my third one!" - Irene from Spain*



- ◇ Mountain biking
- ◇ Surfing
- ◇ Irish dancing.
- ◇ Music, in particular fiddle (violin), banjo, flute and concertina.
- ◇ Singing
- ◇ Drama
- ◇ Art including painting, photography, batik.
- ◇ Cooking which takes place in the same building as the English language lessons.
- ◇ Horse riding including lessons, pony care, dressage and jumping.
- ◇ Hill walking in the 12 Bens mountain range.
- ◇ Sport including soccer and rugby camps.

Let us know your preferences and we can devise a program to suit you.





## Accommodation

There is a wide range of self-catering accommodation available only minutes from the Connemara English Language School.

### Self-Catering Accommodation

**Heatherhill Cottages** are two minutes walk from The Connemara English Language School.

Seven of these nine cottages are owned by Ron and Carmel Curran (owners of The Connemara English Language School) who live in one of the cottages with their five children.

These cottages are ideal for families and groups as each cottage has five bedrooms, sleeping nine to ten people. The cottages are on eleven acres of gardens and natural terrain. There is a small farm of animals, pigs, ponies, hens and sheep. There are also go-karts and play areas for children. It is a great meeting place for our young learners in the evenings where they can play soccer, meet new friends and help care for the animals.

**Heatherhill Lodge** is a lovely 3 bedroom house in Heatherhill - ideal for a smaller family group.

**Letterfrack Lodge** is luxury, hostel accommodation with budget family rooms or the option for larger groups to rent the whole building. It is two minutes walk from the Connemara English Language School.

**Host family Accommodation** with local families who provide breakfast and an evening meal.

There is a range of accommodation to suit every budget in the local area. Please contact us with requirements and we will give a variety of options to meet your needs.



## About Us

Carmel and Ron Curran own and manage the Connemara English Language School. Carmel is a highly qualified and experienced English language teacher. Ron is experienced in the tourism industry including managing Heatherhill Cottages and organizing popular adventure races in the local area. See: [www.connemararoughdiamond.com](http://www.connemararoughdiamond.com)

They live at Heatherhill Cottages only minutes from the Connemara English Language School.

All the teachers at the Connemara English Language School are qualified and experienced teachers living in the local area.



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