



Britain in the 21st Century

A course designed to help you gain an insight into modern day British culture and discover perceptions and perspectives on Britain's position in our increasingly global society.

Course Description

This **immersive, engaging** course will give you the opportunity to explore the 'nitty gritty' of **British life** both in and out of the classroom. You will work with **enthusiastic, motivated trainers** who will **tailor** the course to look at topics of particular interest to you. You will take part in interesting, **fun classroom activities** to discover more about **politics, institutions** and **society**, as well as learning about **language trends** and **changes in Britain**. Thanks to both your classroom sessions and your cultural trips, you will leave this course with **a deeper understanding** of **what life in the UK is really like**.

Course Content

*I love my trainer
so much.
She is really very
helpful, kind,
humorous and full of
ideas and
methods.*

— Anon (Hungary),
MET July 2018

Everyday life in Britain, e.g. Pub culture, British homes

Politics in the UK e.g. Brexit

The place of Britain in the wider world

The Legal system and its Language

The Royal Family, Society and Class

The Media

The British Education System

Immigration and Integration in the UK

Current language trends and changes

Globalisation and Trade

Subcultures and groups

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Who is this course for?

This course is for individuals who are interested in **discovering more about British culture and institutions** and who:

- Have a minimum English level of **Upper Intermediate (B2)**, so they can fully exploit not only their course but their time in Exeter
- Enjoy working in a **co-operative** and **collaborative learning environment**
- Would like to **meet people** from other countries in Europe, to set up professional partnerships or personal connections
- Are teachers or educators seeking to **maintain student engagement** and keep their students in education

Supporting your European Development Plan



IPC courses support **staff** (continuing) with their professional development in terms of:

- Improving linguistic competence
- Enhancing professional skills and knowledge e.g. awareness of issues related to teaching young learners
- Providing teachers (and schools/educational organisations) with the opportunity to initiate school partnerships to enhance the on-going learning experience of pupils/students/learners
- Becoming more interculturally aware through meeting colleagues from other countries as well as being in the United Kingdom
- Gaining knowledge of the British and other colleagues' education systems

They also support **organisations** in terms of:

- Gaining a more European/international perspective/profile
- Benefitting from teachers integrating their experiences into their school/local community

Sample Programme

On the **Britain in the 21st Century** course you will:

- Deepen your understanding of modern Britain and its culture through dedicated input sessions
- Have opportunities to develop and refresh your own English skills and knowledge
- Have the opportunity to explore the local area with an IPC guide on escorted trips to places of interest and live with a homestay host, experiencing language in its cultural and social setting
- Experience guided course-specific excursions to places of local cultural significance, including a visit to a British Crown Court and (depending on local production availability) a visit to a local theatre

Day	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Sunday	ARRIVAL IN EXETER	
Monday	Introduction to IPC and the Course Needs Analysis	Guided Town Tour (including Exeter Cathedral)
Tuesday	Everyday Life in Britain: Families, Jobs, Hobbies	Language Trends and Changes
Wednesday	The Royal Family, Society and Class	Non-Classroom-based Activity e.g. Trip
Thursday	Politics 1: Parliament and the Government	Politics 2: Brexit and Beyond
Friday	Institutions: The Legal System and its Language	Free Afternoon
Saturday	Full day trip with your IPC Guide	
Sunday	Free day: A chance to explore on your own, with your homestay host or with new friends	
Monday	The Media	Entertainment and Culture
Tuesday	Globalisation, Trade and Commerce	Immigration, Integration and Changing Cultures
Wednesday	Subcultures and Groups	Non-Classroom-based Activity e.g. Trip
Thursday	The British Education System	Stereotypes, Customs and Traditions
Friday	Course Closure Activities	Free Afternoon
Saturday	RETURN HOME	

*Programme subject to change