

## PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION OF SPAIN IN IRELAND

The Office of Education of the Embassy of Spain offers a number of programmes, actions and resources. Here's a summary of those aimed at or especially useful for teachers of Spanish in Ireland.

### **Spanish Language Assistants Scheme.**

Every year 12 language assistants from Spain are assigned to Irish secondary schools. They are graduates or students in the last years of their degrees. They support the Irish teachers of Spanish helping students with the oral component of the language. The programme is co-ordinated and administered by [the Teacher and SNA Terms and Conditions Unit](#) of the DES. [Information notes](#) are available from their website.

### **English Language Assistants in Spain**

Also every year over 80 positions are available for Irish applicants interested in becoming English Language Assistants in Spain. This program allows Irish university students from any discipline to live in Spain for 8 months supporting the teaching English in Spanish public schools.

Participants need to have completed at least one year of higher education and have some knowledge of Spanish. Assistants teach for about 12 hours a week and receive a monthly allowance of between 700 and 1000 euros, paid by the Spanish regional education authorities. The applications are processed through the [International Section](#) of the DES and the [Spanish Ministry of Education](#).

#### **IRISH LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS IN SPAIN**

The programme of Language Assistants in Spain is organized every year by the [Department of Education and Skills](#) and the [Spanish Ministry of Education](#). The application period opens each year from November to March.

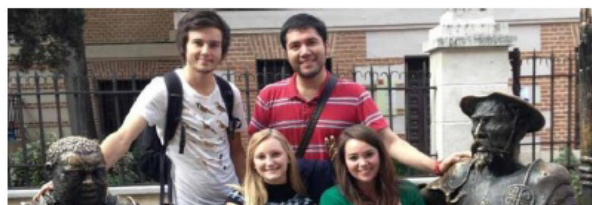
Language Assistants have the opportunity of living in Spain for 8 months. They work in Spanish schools under the supervision of qualified teachers, helping students with their English.

#### **Requisites**

- Irish nationality. Other nationals will also be considered if they have studied in Ireland for a number of years.
- To have completed at least one year of university studies in any field.
- Some knowledge of Spanish.

#### **Conditions**

- Stay from October 1st to May 31st.
- Monthly allowance of 700€ (1000€ in some regions)
- Between 12 and 16 hours a week.
- Applications: Until March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.



#### **Further information**

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### Professional stays for teachers

This job shadowing [programme](#) allows Irish and Spanish teachers the opportunity of spending up to 15 days in a school in the other country. Teachers can be from different subjects, not necessarily Spanish or English. The objective of the visits is the observation of classroom strategies, school organization and pedagogical approaches. Irish teachers wishing to participate will receive assistance to find suitable hosting schools in Spain, as well as guidance to participate in the programme and organise their stay.



Hosting a Spanish teacher does not imply any commitment or expense on the part of the Irish school. Teachers can participate in a variety of activities as long as this does not interfere with the normal operation of the school. Examples of these activities could be observing classes, sitting at department meetings or teaching some lessons with students. Information at [info.ie@mecd.es](mailto:info.ie@mecd.es)

The Spanish Ministry of Education funds stays for Spanish teachers to visit schools in Ireland. Irish teachers can apply for funding through [Léargas](#).

### Links between Spanish and Irish teachers and schools

- The *Consejería* fosters links and communication between Spanish and Irish schools. Guidance is also offered to help with implementation of different collaborative projects such as exchanges, job shadowing, e-pals, etc.
- The *Consejería* can also facilitate internships by Spanish university students in Irish secondary schools. These are university undergraduates working for their education degrees in primary or secondary education. They are willing to travel to Ireland and help teachers of Spanish in their classes at no cost to the Irish school.
- A number of Spanish schools of further education contact the *Consejería* expressing their interest in partnering with Irish schools to allow their students to have work experiences in Ireland and would be happy to receive Irish students and organise work experiences for them in Spain.

Interested Irish and Spanish schools should leave their details using [this form](#); they will be put in touch with suitable schools in the other country.

### Grants for courses in Spain

- Every year the Spanish Ministry of Education offers a number of [grants for summer courses](#) for teachers of Spanish at the Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo ([UIMP](#)). Last summer 5 Irish teachers attended courses in Santander.
- The Spanish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, through the Agency for International Cooperation and Development ([AECID](#)), offers a variety of [grants](#) for students and teachers.
- The Junta de Castilla y León offers grants for teachers of Spanish in secondary schools and university faculty. The grants cover the cost of the course, accommodation, meals and cultural programme. The grants are offered through different schools. Information at [info.ie@mecd.es](mailto:info.ie@mecd.es)

### Spanish Courses in Ireland

- The [Instituto Cervantes in Dublin](#) offers [general courses](#) of Spanish as well as preparation for the [Junior and Leaving Certificate](#) and [classes for children](#).

- The programme of Aulas de Lengua y Cultura Española ([ALCE](#)) provides classes of Spanish language and culture to children of Spanish nationals from ages 7 to 17. The courses are free of charge and take place at two different locations in the Dublin area.

### Teacher training

The [Instituto Cervantes](#) offers a comprehensive [programme of training courses](#) for teachers of Spanish as Foreign Language.

### Cultural Events

The Embassy of Spain offers and supports a variety of cultural events related to Spanish, especially through the cultural activities of the Instituto Cervantes. These include conferences, talks, cinema showings, concerts and meetings related to diverse cultural art forms such as cinema, music, art, architecture, literature and history. Regular information is available through their [newsletter](#).

The [ISLA Festival](#) is an annual celebration of Irish, Spanish and Latin American literature.

### Contests, prizes and recognition awards

- Video competition.** The Consejería de Educación, in collaboration with the [Tourism Office of Spain](#) in Ireland, the autonomous government of Castilla y León and the [Post-Primary Languages Initiative](#) organizes every year a video competition for 5th year students. Students create a 2 minute video on a given theme.
- Best Students of Spanish.** The Consejería, in collaboration with ATS, recognises the students with the best results in Spanish in the Leaving and Junior Certificate exams.
- The [best tandem award](#) recognises the best practices in the coordination of the Spanish Language Assistants' work within the Modern Language Departments in which they are integrated. It is awarded every year to the best Spanish Department - Language Assistant team.




Winners of the different awards, with their teachers and parents, are invited to a prize giving reception at the residence of the Spanish Ambassador to celebrate their achievement. Prizes include trophies, diplomas, vouchers for Spanish materials or Spanish restaurants, plane tickets and language courses in Spain.






### Materials

The [library of the Cervantes Institute](#) offers a variety of books, films, music recording and electronic resources.

### Teaching materials

Spanish resources and materials for Primary and Secondary education available from the <i>Consejería</i>		Levels
	<b>Posters</b> A wide range of posters with downloadable activities. <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido2">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido2</a>	Primary and Secondary

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	<p><b>¡Para, chuta, gol!</b> Six interactive activities to teach Spanish through Physical Education. <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido0">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido0</a></p>	Primary and Secondary
	<p><b>¡Corta, pega, pinta!</b> Six interactive activities to teach Spanish through Physical Education. <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido0">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido0</a></p>	Primary
	<p><b>Flash movies</b> Flash movies to go with three of our posters: Animals, Christmas and The ABC. <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido5">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido5</a></p>	Primary
	<p><b>¡Hola amigos! 1, 2, 3.</b> Spanish downloadable activity books <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido1">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido1</a></p>	Primary
	<p><b>Artículos de prensa: El País</b> Spanish articles from the newspapers with a proposal of activities. <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido6">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido6</a></p>	Secondary
	<p><b>Sí, sí, sí</b> <i>Classroom Routines, Here I am and My environment.</i> Resources for KS1 and KS2. <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido1">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido1</a></p>	Primary
	<p><b>Spanish Arsenal Double Club</b> Collaborative project with Arsenal FC. We promote Spanish together with football <a href="http://www.arsenaldoubleclub.co.uk">www.arsenaldoubleclub.co.uk</a></p>	Primary and Secondary
	<p><b>Canciones populares infantiles</b> 14 traditional Spanish songs for kids with activities to do in the Spanish class <a href="https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/27070144/10">https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/27070144/10</a> RECURSOS DIGITALES CONSEJERIA - Canciones populares.rar</p>	Primary

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	<p><b>TECLA</b> Online newsletter with activities for students and teachers of Spanish in 3 different levels <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/publicaciones.html">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/publicaciones.html</a></p>	Secondary
	<p><b>ACTI/España</b> Online annual magazine focused on games and activities for kids in 3 different levels <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/publicaciones.html">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/publicaciones.html</a></p>	Secondary
	<p><b>Pasatiempos de Rayuela</b> More than 1000 interactive Spanish activities <a href="http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/publicaciones.html">www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/publicaciones.html</a></p>	Primary and Secondary
	<p><b>Enseñanza del IC</b> Site focused on Education with lots of activities: <a href="http://ave.cervantes.es/cursos_espanol/hola_amigos.html">Aveteca</a> <a href="http://ave.cervantes.es/cursos_espanol/hola_amigos.html">ave.cervantes.es/cursos_espanol/hola_amigos.html</a></p>	Primary and Secondary
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