

Transition Year Tour Guiding Programme

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Hello and welcome, from the Education Department at Experience Glasnevin.

This is an introduction to Experience Glasnevin's Transition Year Tour Guiding Programme; our renowned workshop developed for Transition Year Students to help develop communication and independent research skills.

Glasnevin Cemetery is a place that remembers the past through the lives of the people buried here. Through our tours, workshops and programmes, students encounter Ireland's history carved in stone. Experience Glasnevin Ireland's National Cemetery and Visitor Centre offers exciting and engaging education programmes and activities for students and learners of all ages. We provide a range of tours and workshops for students across all levels. Our tours are designed to link closely to the curriculum. Students and teachers can make use of interactive exhibits and preparatory learning packs which are sent out prior to your visit. We also host a diverse range of lectures, workshops and events for adult learners and the general public.





Secondary Schools at Experience Glasnevin:

- Junior Cycle, Transition Year and Senior Cycle Curriculum based Secondary Tours.
- Specialist Education Programmes and Workshops running throughout the year including our renowned Transition Year Tour Guiding Programme.
- Teacher designed education packs and online resources aimed at all levels.
- The Experience Glasnevin Learning Portal, a new interactive online learning platform for students of all ages available on the Experience Glasnevin website.

All group bookings include entry to the O'Connell Crypt as well as access before or after the tour to our visitor centre which houses two exhibitions The City of the Dead and Extra-Ordinary Lives. Our tours feature the graves and stories of Daniel O'Connell, Charles Stewart Parnell, Éamonn De Valera, Countess Markiewicz, Michael Collins and many more.



Tour Guiding Programme for Transition Year Students

Overview:	Pricing:	To book your school:
 <p>Our unique Transition Year Tour Guiding Programme gives students an experience of the real-life world of tour guiding, and the opportunity to develop skills in research and public speaking while building self-confidence.</p>	 <p><u>Transition Year Tour Guiding Programme:</u> €18 per student with teachers/ supervisors complimentary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● DEIS school reduced rates are also available● Price includes two visits to Glasnevin Cemetery which comprise of tour guiding workshop, guided tour, facilitation and feedback of student led tour and certificates for all students who complete the programme.	 <p>Email: Education@dctrust.ie Phone: 01 8826598 www.ExperienceGlasnevin.ie</p> 



How the programme works:

1

Experience Glasnevin

(2-2.5 hrs depending on number of students)

- At the visitor centre, students are given an introduction to the tourism industry and customer service followed by instruction on the techniques of Tour Guiding; presentation, delivery, content, managing a group and body language. Students are invited to take notes during this portion of the programme.
- This session will conclude with a sample tour of Glasnevin Cemetery, where the techniques and skills discussed in the presentation will be demonstrated by your guide.

2

In the classroom

(2-4 weeks)

- The next part of the programme takes place in the classroom. Each student will research an individual buried in Glasnevin in preparation for conducting part of a Cemetery Tour
- Students are encouraged to use history books from their school/local library, and reputable online sources to research their topic/personality.

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The tour of Glasnevin Cemetery

(1.5 – 2 hrs depending on number of students)

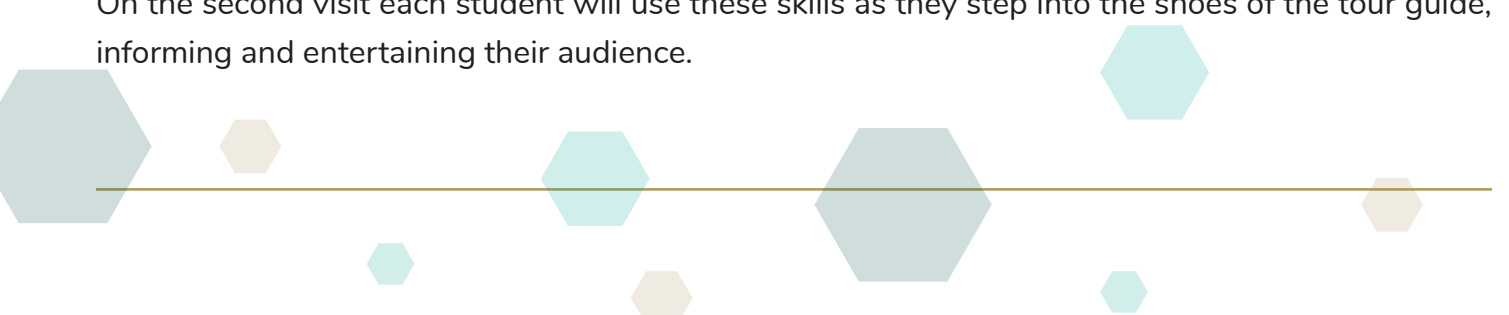
- The final part of the programme takes place back at Glasnevin Cemetery where each student will step into the shoes of a tour guide and present to their class at the grave of a historical figure.
- Each student will receive a Certificate of Completion of the Experience Glasnevin Transition Year Tour Guiding Programme. Certificates will only be awarded to those who fully complete both parts of the Programme.

The first visit is the training portion of the programme. The students will learn about the Irish tourism industry, the importance of customer service and the skills of communication necessary to be an effective tour guide. They will then visit a selection of graves with one of our tour guides to see these skills put into practice.




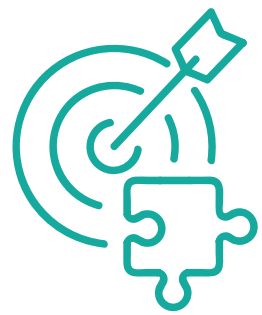
Each class group will be given a topic list of 30 graves/figures in the cemetery to pick from.

They will then research their figure, write a script, learn and practice their presentation.

On the second visit each student will use these skills as they step into the shoes of the tour guide, informing and entertaining their audience.



Students will be judged as below:

Content	Body Language	Hooks	Projection
<p>Accurate, well structured, tailored to the needs and interests of group. Appropriate language, avoided slang or jargon.</p> 	<p>Gestures, facial expression, posture, positioning, eye contact, smile</p> 	<p>Good use of statistics, quotations, anecdotes, shocks/surprises, personalisation, humour</p> 	<p>Volume, clarity, pace</p> 

Upon completion, students are awarded their certificate of completion.

Further information and bookings can be requested from the education team at:

Ph: **018826598**

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Sample Topic list for classes

Below is a sample topic list for classes taking part in the programme. Students can select figures from the list. They can of course cover a historical figure not on the list who is interred in the cemetery.

After their first visit, teachers match each student with a topic or personality, place the name of the student beside the corresponding number and bring the list with them on their second visit.

Topic List: Class of up to 30

1. Introduction to Glasnevin	1.
2. Kevin Barry	2.
3. Roger Casement	3.
4. Daniel O'Connell	4.
5. Charles Stewart Parnell	5.
6. Grave Robbing and Body-Snatching	6.
7. Ireland and World War 1	7.
8. Gerard Manley Hopkins	8.
9. Father Francis Browne	9.
10. Arthur Griffith	10.
11. Éamon De Valera	11.
12. Grace Gifford Plunkett	12.
13. Charlotte Despard	13.
14. Maud Gonne	14.
15. Seán MacBride	15.
16. James Larkin	16.
17. Delia Larkin	17.
18. John Devoy	18.
19. The O'Rahilly	19.
20. Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa	20.
21. Elizabeth O'Farrell	21.
22. Helena Moloney	22.
23. Countess Markievicz	23.
24. Harry Boland	24.
25. Cathal Brugha	25.
26. Margaret Skinnider	26.
27. Rory O'Connor	27.
28. Erskine Childers	28.
29. Anne Devlin	29.
30. Michael Collins	30.

