

The Student's Guide to




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Board Games

A selection of board games to play with your friends. Playing board games with other students is not only a way to enjoy yourself, but also to practice your English speaking skills and enrich your vocabulary by interacting with the other players.

Please sign up for this activity by Tuesday. Emerald reserves the right to cancel this activity due to a low number of participants (minimum 6 students required).

Botanic Gardens

The National Botanic Gardens of Ireland are an oasis of calm and beauty, and entry is free. A premier scientific institution, the Gardens contain important collections of plant species and cultivars from all over the world.

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Chester Beatty Library

Chester Beatty Library is a museum that displays exhibit manuscripts, miniature paintings, prints, drawings, rare books, and some decorative arts from the Persian, Islamic, East Asian, and Western Collections.

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City Orientation for new students

A 45-minute walk through Dublin city centre with our Emerald Guide. Transports tickets will be discussed as well. A great activity for new students on their first day.

ECI film

This activity is meant to improve your English in many ways, especially your listening and speaking skills. Do not be disappointed if you cannot understand some parts, because you will improve gradually and hearing native language speakers always helps you to make progress.

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Hugh Lane

The gallery's original collection of modern art was presented by Sir Hugh Lane in 1908 and has, over the last century been enhanced by notable bequests, gifts and acquisitions including Francis Bacon's Studio and Archive and Sean Scully's gift of paintings.

Please sign up for this activity by Wednesday, April 19. Emerald reserves the right to cancel this activity due to a low number of participants (minimum 6 students required).

INIS seminar

This seminar is for all new students who will need to go and register with the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service. Opening a bank account, requesting a PPS number, and taking holidays will be discussed as well.

CV Preparation

This activity will provide you with some tips for writing your CV and Cover Letter appropriately and for searching for a job in Ireland. Furthermore, you can ask for proofreading your CV.

National Gallery

The National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin boasts some 2,500 paintings and approximately 10,000 other works in different media including watercolours, drawings, prints and sculpture.

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NMI Natural History

This museum is famous for its Victorian cabinet style, which houses one of the world's finest and fullest collections still to be seen today. This zoological museum encompasses outstanding examples of wildlife from Ireland and the far corners of the globe, some to be seen today and others long extinct.

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Language Exchange

Learning another foreign language can be a significant advantage in your career as long as allowing you to connect with others. Practice and learn another foreign language meeting up for conversation exchange with other students.

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Speed Friending

Come and meet new friends at our speed friending appointment! You will have 3 minutes to chat with another student, then you will be asked to move and chat with another of your partners.

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Grammar Revision

This activity allows you to clarify any doubts you may have about English language grammar and the homework given by your teachers.

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Paid Activities

Guinness Storehouse

The Guinness Storehouse is Ireland's number visitor attraction. Not only do we offer a special discounted price for ECI students, but we also provide an ECI guide to accompany students to the venue. The tour lasts about 1 hour and finishes up on the seventh floor, in the Gravity Bar with some specular views of Dublin and of course, a complimentary pint of Guinness.

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St. Patrick's Cathedral

Built in honour of Ireland's patron saint, Saint Patrick's Cathedral stands adjacent to the famous well where tradition has it Saint Patrick baptised converts on his visit to Dublin. The parish church of Saint Patrick on this site was granted collegiate status in 1191, and raised to cathedral status in 1224. The present building dates from 1220.

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Book of Kells

The Book of Kells is the centrepiece of an exhibition which attracts over 500,000 visitors to Trinity College in Dublin City each year. Written around the year 800 AD, the Book of Kells contains a richly decorated copy of the four gospels in a Latin text, based on the Vulgate edition (completed by St. Jerome in 384 AD).

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GAA Museum

Visit Croke Park Stadium and find out what being Irish is all about! Croke Park is an iconic stadium, steeped in history, and has been at the heart of Irish sporting and cultural life for over 100 years. Take a trip here and enjoy an unrivalled state-of-the-art interactive visitor experience and find out more about Ireland's unique national games and the fastest field game in the world – hurling and Gaelic football.

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