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Host families in Bohermeen and surrounding
areas

Course: 3 July – 27 July 2023

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Course Overview

Inglés en mi pueblo was founded by Karen Boylan, a native of Bohermeen. Karen has lived in Valencia, Spain, since 2012. Every summer, Karen brings approximately 40 Spanish secondary school students from Spain to Ireland on a language and culture course.

We have been doing this since 2017.

This year's course will be from July 3rd to July 27th 2023.

The course consists of:

- 68 hours of classes – 4 hours every morning at Bohermeen National School.
- Activities and excursions each afternoon (Monday to Friday).
- Full day Saturday excursions.
- Accommodation with a local English speaking family – one student per family.

Students have a complete program of classes and activities outside their host family home from 9:30 to 17:30 every day (Monday to Friday).

On Saturdays, students have full day excursions (9:30 to 17:30).

Sundays are spent with their host families.

Host family information

Full board is provided with by the host family with breakfast, packed lunch and an evening meal. It is important to us that students on our course become members of your family during their stay. We want the students to fit into normal family life in Ireland. We are confident this aspect of the course will be very beneficial in terms of language learning and cultural awareness.

We will create a WhatsApp group for all host families to keep everyone informed at all times.

Responsibilities of host families

- Provide a student with a safe, supportive, and caring home.
- Accept student as a member of the family and encourage the student to participate in all aspects of family life.
- Provide a student with his/her own bed.
- Provide a student with 3 quality meals a day (breakfast, a packed lunch and an evening meal).
- Take the student to and from Bohermeen National School every day (Monday to Saturday).
- Encourage the exchange of ideas and provide students with exposure to the cultural and social environment of your home and neighbourhood.
- Keep in regular contact with Karen.

Curfew time

All students will go directly home after their activities finish at 17.30.

If they plan on going out again after that it would need to be with a host family member or it would need to have been agreed with Karen.

After 17.30 families need to know at all times where the students are, who they are with and what they are doing.

Mobile phones

Students have permission to use their phones for 30 minutes per day.

Students have been encouraged to interact with the family and participate in family life as much as possible so that they can take advantage of this opportunity to speak English.

If students are using mobile phones too much in your house please let Karen know.

If students are spending too much time alone in their bedroom please let Karen know as they are almost certainly on their mobile phones.

Communication with host families

Karen will be in contact on the WhatsApp group to keep you informed of any delays getting home from activities or any changes to the schedule that may impact you.

Schedule of afternoon activities

We will send the schedule of activities to all families before Friday June 30th 2023.

Host family children and friends over the age of 14 are welcome to participate in any of the afternoon activities. Some activities are free and some aren't.

Anybody who is going to participate should inform Karen in advance as places for some of the excursions will be limited.

Payment

Families will be paid by bank transfer on Tuesday July 25th 2023.

Payment is 820 euros.