



Fall 2017 Irish Language Classes *In Worcester, MA*



Ár dTeanga Féin is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian educational organization, staffed by volunteers. Since 1986 we have offered many low-cost Irish language classes in numerous central New England locations. We welcome people of all ages and backgrounds. Please join us this spring!

Fall 2017 Courses

Beginner – A course for those who have little or no knowledge of Irish. Emphasis is on basic vocabulary, pronunciation, and sentence structure which is used in simple conversation. This course includes learning songs and poems in Irish, other readings and games.

Advanced Beginner – A course for those with a beginning level of Irish. Students learn more vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar, and continue to develop conversation skills. This course includes songs and poems, and uses a range of active learning activities.

Intermediate – A course for those with some previous knowledge of Irish, who are already comfortable with the basics and are ready to move on. Intermediate will build upon previous knowledge, expanding vocabulary and fluency using a variety of written materials including textbooks, poems, and magazine and newspaper articles. This course further develops conversation and discussion skills.

Advanced – A course for those who have studied Irish for two or more years and are very comfortable with basic conversation and sentence structure. Advanced will help round out the student's knowledge of Irish and further strengthen previous knowledge.

Class Schedule and Location

The semester consists of twelve 1.5-hour classes. Classes meet on **Thursday** evenings between **6 and 9 PM**, beginning **September 7, 2017** and will be held in the **Worcester Hibernian Cultural Centre at Fiddler's Green, 19 Temple St., Worcester, MA**. Extra classes will be scheduled in the event of weather cancellations.

Instructors

Susan Gallivan, a native of Dublin, studied Irish in school beginning at age 5. In her early teen years, she attended an Irish language camp in County Kerry, Coláiste Bhreanan, and spent time in the Gaeltacht in Donegal. Susan taught secondary school in Ireland for several years, and has taught Irish with Ár dTeanga Féin since 1987. She has studied and taught with Daltaí na Gaeilge for many years and has spent time in Oideas Gael in Donegal studying Irish.

Susan Ott has been studying Irish for ten years, after a language background of Latin, French and Spanish. Following a year of private instruction, she began classes with Ár dTeanga Féin, and has been a student and teacher with ADTF since then. She has studied and taught with Daltaí na Gaeilge, and has studied at Oideas Gael in Glencolumbkille, County Donegal, Ireland. A clinical psychologist, Susan has a strong background in teaching, a belief in active learning, and a commitment to helping beginners have fun as they gain basic competence in spoken and written Irish. Susan has children who play Irish harp, whistle, flute and fiddle. Her youngest daughter is a championship Irish stepdancer.

Deirdra Murphy gained her love for the language and culture of Ireland through her family in Connamara, where she learned stories, poems and songs. She started attending classes with Ár dTeanga Féin in 2001 and is a passionate student, teacher and language activist who enjoys networking with other individuals and organizations who are committed to helping the language thrive both here and abroad.

Suggested: **Pocket Oxford Irish Dictionary** by Brendan O'Cronin.

Class Fees

The charge is \$100.00 per course per semester. See the registration form for further details. Class fees are used to compensate our teachers for sharing their time, knowledge, and dedication with us. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards for class fees.

Fall 2017 Language Course Registration Form Worcester, MA

- Beginner - \$100 enclosed
- Advanced Beginner - \$100 enclosed
- Intermediate - \$100 enclosed
- Advanced - \$100 enclosed
- Interm. & Advanced Combination - \$150
- I cannot attend classes at this time, but would like to support Ár dTeanga Féin and remain on your mailing list. Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 for a Supporting Membership.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone (day) _____ (eve.) _____

Email _____

Where did you hear about us? _____

Send completed forms to:

**Irish Language Classes
P.O. Box 74
Worcester, MA 01613**

**Please make checks payable to:
KATHY DeGRAAF, treasurer**

**Please mail us your registration as soon as possible so we may reserve a place for you.
Ár dTeanga Féin reserves the right to cancel classes due to underenrollment.**

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