



Connecting with your Curriculum

Ulster American Folk Park

Junior Cycle
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The Ulster American Folk Park near Omagh in County Tyrone, is an open-air museum which tells the story of emigration, through its Irish thatched cottages, ship gallery, American log houses and exhibitions. With a lively and active education programme delivered by experienced staff, it is an excellent venue for developing pupils' enthusiasm for history. The 38 bed residential centre situated beside the Folk Park is ideal for use by schools wishing to pursue extended programmes.

JUNIOR CYCLE

THEME: SOCIAL CHANGE

Background – agricultural society in 18th century
effect of changes in industry and agriculture e.g. migration, emigration

Special Study

contrasting life styles around 1850 – Rural Ireland

PROGRAMMES

Life in Rural Ulster (max. 140 pupils)

A study of life in 19th century Ulster covering housing, everyday life, domestic industry, forge work, agriculture, schooldays and traditional customs. Special Hallowe'en and Christmas programmes available.

Rural Ulster Winter Workshops (3 hour sessions)

Old World workshops provide hands-on practical experience of traditional crafts and agricultural/domestic skills which were a vital part of life in this country.

Emigration 1815-1850 (max. 100 pupils)

A selective tour of the museum tracing the emigrant experiences of the Mellon, Campbell and Hughes families, visiting their boyhood homes in Ulster, reliving their experiences on board a typical sailing ship and looking at their varied careers in urban and rural America. Also includes Bishop John Hughes' role in the reception of Famine immigrants to New York.

Also available

Emigrants Exhibition Programme



TRANSITION YEAR

LOCAL AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP – MODELLING THE MIGRATION EXPERIENCE

An opportunity to use an interdisciplinary approach by studying MIGRATION as a contemporary issue. Examine the early experiences of Irish immigrants in America and compare and contrast these with the experiences of today's immigrants to Ireland.

PROGRAMMES

General Visit (max. 250 pupils)

Suitable for all ages this tour looks at the rural exhibits in the Old World, the Ship gallery and the New World, providing an overview of two centuries of emigration. It also provides an opportunity to challenge some of the myths and stereotypes of emigration.

Immigrant Voices (max. 60 pupils)

This programme has been specially prepared to highlight the varied challenges and opportunities of settling in a new place and to encourage empathy with recent arrivals to this country. It explores the experiences of the 19th century immigrant to America through the dramatised stories of individuals who settled in urban and rural areas. Issues of diversity, inclusion, failure and success are highlighted.

The Early American Frontier (max. 120 pupils)

An in-depth study of the American exhibits, including the Conestoga wagon, the log cabin, the Fulton Stone House, American farm buildings and two log farmhouses. An audio-visual presentation 'Eastern Woodland Indians', lasting 25 minutes can be shown on request as part of your visit.

For classroom use –

Moving On Citizenship pack focuses on migration past and present, exploring the themes of diversity and inclusion. The Pack comprises clear, photocopiable, A4 resource sheets and a CD with further material.

OVERLEAF – LEAVING CERTIFICATE



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HISTORY TOPIC: IRISH DIASPORA 1840-1966

The emigration experience portrayed at the Folk Park presents opportunities for students to examine many of the key concepts required in this topic. The museum itself is a vivid illustration of the links between Ireland and the wider world including roots tourism and heritage.

VISIT THE OUTDOOR MUSEUM to examine emigration in the era of the sailing ship and consider tourism and heritage links with the wider world.

VISIT 'EMIGRANTS', a major gallery exhibition telling the story of over two million people who left Ulster in the 18th and 19th centuries to seek a new life in North America.

DIASPORA RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME (two day programme)

Stay overnight in the Residential Centre at the Folk Park and enable your students to pursue an extended programme using both the outdoor museum site and the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) at the Folk Park.

Elements include:

- A visit to the outdoor museum site
- Emigrants Exhibition in-depth study
- Discussion session on Roots Tourism
- Primary documents research on the Irish Emigration Database in CMS
- 'Irish migration in the 20th century' - seminar in CMS
- An introduction to relevant publications to assist the topic.

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