

TEACHER TRAINING

## Inspiring Modern Minds

Balancing Play, Projects and Technology in Primary Education

**20-24 July 2026**

San Sebastián | Spain



# San Sebastian a city like no other

## At a Glimpse

We have 3 urban beaches with a bay recognised as one of the prettiest in the world. Its cultural and culinary heartbeat make San Sebastian an unforgettable city and the perfect setting to enjoy as you improve your teaching skills.

### Gastronomy

San Sebastian has more Michelin stars per square meter than any other city in the world.

### City of festivals

Music and film international festivals. Blooming cultural program all year round

### International hotspot

Located in one of the greenest areas of Spain with easy access to France.

### Basque Culture

Enjoy our age-old culture and discover our language: Basque



## Inspiring Modern Minds: Balancing Play, Projects and Technology in Primary Education



The Course

Step into the classroom of the future! This dynamic 5-day, 25-hour course empowers teachers to connect with today's young learners through creativity, collaboration, and technology. Explore how children learn best, discover what makes 21st-century learners tick, and design engaging lessons that blend hands-on activities with purposeful digital tools. From storytelling and project work to digital citizenship and classroom management, you'll gain practical strategies to inspire confident, curious, and responsible learners. Join a community of passionate educators ready to shape modern minds—starting with their own.

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## Contents

- Children – Who They Are and How They Learn
- Child Development and Language Learning
- Project Lab: Group formation and brainstorming project ideas.
- Managing the Modern YL Classroom
- Communicative Lesson Design
- Integrating Technology Ethically
- Technology in the YL classroom
- Projects and Play – Learning Through Doing
- Practical Tools and Tasks for YLs
- “Old school” activities
- Project Finalisation
- Project Presentations
- Wrap-up & Reflections

### Digital Platform



The course **has a digital learning platform**. This gives you access to the materials and the opportunity to share ideas with others while on the course and after you leave.

### Certification



Your end-of-course Lacunza IH certificate details the areas covered on your course. It comes with recommendations for sharing what you have learnt and implementing your action plan at your institution.

### Trainers



#### Tamara Lodeiros – Young Learner Specialist and Lacunza YL Coordinator

Tamara is a DELTA-qualified teacher with a passion for creating engaging, hands-on lessons for young learners. As Lacunza's YL Coordinator, she brings fresh ideas and a spirit of experimentation to the classroom, exploring new ways to blend traditional teaching with digital tools.

#### Catherine Arrand – Director of Studies at Lacunza

Catherine is a DELTA-qualified YL specialist with extensive experience in developing effective learning environments for primary-aged students. As Director of Studies, she supports teachers in refining their classroom practice and integrating innovative approaches that keep lessons dynamic and learner-centred.

#### Ceri Ann Millward – Director of Education for Lacunza

Ceri holds a DELTA and a Master's in Education, with broad experience across diverse teaching contexts. As Lacunza's Director of Education, she draws on years of YL expertise to guide curriculum development and teacher training, helping educators connect best practice with real-world classroom experience.



	<b>Language Level:</b> Minimum B2
	<b>Course date:</b> 20-24 July 2026
	<b>Certification:</b> Lacunza IH certificate
	<b>Course Length:</b> 1 week
€	<b>Registration fee:</b> €150
€	<b>Course fee:</b> €475
	<b>Accommodation:</b> Various
	<b>Minimum age:</b> 18
	<b>Max class size :</b> 16
	<b>Free social and cultural programme</b>

## Who is this course suitable for?

- Teachers who would welcome further training in adopting a principled approach to teaching modern young learners.
- Participants should have a minimum language level corresponding to B2 on the Common European Framework.

## Timetable

This course consists of 25 hours of tuition, delivered between 09:00 and 16:00, Monday - Friday. Each course includes free cross cultural activities on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings.

## 20th-24th July

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Sample Timetable ( actual timetable may vary)

9.15 10.45	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	21st Century Children - Who They Are and How They Learn Understanding today's primary learners, their world, and how they engage with language and technology.	Managing the Modern YL Classroom Motivation, routines, behaviour management, classroom climate.	Integrating Technology Ethically Balancing screen time, privacy, and digital citizenship for YLs.	Projects and Play - Learning Through Doing Hands-on learning, creativity, collaboration, and communication.	Project Finalisation Refining final project, peer feedback, and final checks.
11.15 12.45	Child Development and Language Learning How children think, feel, and learn languages; implications for classroom practice.	Communicative Lesson Design Designing balanced lessons using both traditional and tech-supported activities.	Technology in the YL Classroom Simple, safe tech for story creation, collaboration, and expression.	Practical Tools and Tasks for YLs "Old school" activities (games, storytelling, crafts) plus light, meaningful tech integration.	Project Presentations - Groups present lessons, videos, or tools, peer discussion & feedback
14.00 16.00	Project Lab: Group formation and brainstorming project ideas. Focus: identify key challenges in your YL context.	Project Lab: Define scope and choose focus (lesson, tool, or classroom strategy).	Project Lab: Peer feedback and project refinement.	Project Lab: Peer feedback and project refinement.	Feedback on projects and course round up

#### Activities

Enhance your stay with the most comprehensive program of social and cultural activities across San Sebastián and its surrounding region.

#### Accommodation

We offer a variety of accommodation options to suit all tastes and budgets. Let us help you find the perfect fit!

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