NILE MANCHESTER

Principles and Best Practice in CLIL

Course overview

Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) is an innovative and highly effective way to teach a curriculum subject through the medium of English and has been adopted by teachers and curriculum developers around the world.

This 30-hour course will help you understand what makes CLIL so relevant today and will also introduce you to a variety of specialized tools and techniques which will help you develop your students' knowledge of a curriculum subject as well as their language skills and proficiency. The course will take a highly practical approach, exploring underpinning CLIL theory in terms of lesson and course design, effective classroom practice and evaluation and assessment. The course will also raise your language awareness and linguistic competence at word, sentence and discourse level.

Who is the course suitable for?

- Teachers who are engaged in delivery of subjects across the school curriculum through the medium of English or another foreign language
- Teachers of subjects across the curriculum and language teachers who include curriculum subject content in their lessons
- Participants with a minimum language level corresponding to B1* on the Common European Framework

If your level is below B1, you may be interested in our Language Improvement for Teachers course.

What will the course include?
As a course participant, you will receive a pre-course questionnaire, which should be returned prior to the course. This is to ensure that the areas of most relevance to you are integrated into the course content.

The course will include content drawn from some or all of the following areas, depending on your contextual and personal needs and priorities:

- Materials development (task design, working with texts, visuals etc)
- Subject-centred vocabulary building
- Code-switching and working bilingually
- Question types and questioning techniques
- The place of thinking skills
- Language support for content learning
- Creating a language-rich classroom environment
- Review of internet and print resources for participants' selected content areas
- Testing and assessment
- Language for managing the classroom
- Personal language development

Time will be built into the course for reflection and for participants to consider how to adapt ideas from the course to the classroom in your own professional context.

All NILE's courses involve a significant element of English language improvement and/or development of language awareness.

What does the course consist of?
The 30-hour course is taught by trainers who are experts in the fields of CLIL language, materials and methodology, and includes a guest lecture by a well-known figure in the field of ELT.

The classes are held from Monday to Friday within the hours 09.15 – 13.15 in our Manchester centre.

Your free afternoons will give you the opportunity to choose from a variety of options to further develop your special interests:

- working on individual projects or tasks set up during your course
- collecting authentic materials for your own teaching
- investigating language in action in Manchester
- doing reading and research online or in the library
- getting to know Manchester's rich cultural heritage

During this time you will have access to the teaching centre's resources and support from a tutor should you need it.

What approach is used?
- Classes will be practical and 'hands-on', but with reference to relevant theory
- Courses are participant-centred, involving tasks providing memorable learning contexts
- Tasks will be used to illustrate the key course objectives through procedure and content
- The approach includes opportunities for exploring key contemporary issues

Facilities and resources

The NILE course venue includes an extensive ELT library and computer suite with Wi-Fi throughout. Each course has a Moodle online learning platform which includes a comprehensive online library and enables you to access course materials and share ideas and materials with other course participants. This facility will be available to you for six months after the course so you can keep in touch with your colleagues and continue to access course materials once you have returned home.