

Language Improvement for Teachers



Course Overview

As English teachers it is vital to be confident with your own use of English in the classroom.

This 30-hour course focuses on developing your use of English. It is a highly practical course which will increase your confidence and help to maximise the amount of English spoken in your classroom. The course covers key areas such as giving instructions and feedback, eliciting, conveying and clarifying meaning, leading classroom discussions and facilitating speaking activities. It will also help you to be more confident in the design of materials, including language development resources. By the end of the course you will have improved your own language ability and acquired practical strategies to improve your English independently once you return to your classroom.

Who is the course suitable for?

- English teachers and teachers teaching subjects through English who need to be able to run classes effectively in English
- Participants with a language level corresponding to A2-B2 on the Common European Framework

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:

- Giving effective instructions
- Explaining meaning
- Eliciting
- Giving effective feedback
- Praise
- Discipline
- Correction
- Explaining difficult concepts clearly
- Describing classroom processes
- Managing classroom dynamics
- Engaging in professional discussions
- Writing effective worksheets

Time will be built into the course for reflection and for you 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 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 and entail involvement in tasks and activities which boost confidence and provide memorable learning contexts
- Tasks will be used to illustrate the key course objectives through procedure as well as content

Facilities and resources

The NILE course venue includes an 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.