

# Pilgrims

## Teacher Training 2016 BRITISH LIFE, LANGUAGE & CULTURE

<b>Course Dates:</b>	<b>Course Location:</b>	<b>Course Fees:</b>	<b>Course Codes:</b>
17 July – 30 July	University of Kent at Canterbury	£1175	TBL30 2 weeks
14 August – 27 August	University of Kent at Canterbury	£1175	TBL34 2 weeks

**Please note: You can choose this course as a two week or one week (first week only) programme.  
You can also add this course to your Europass CV.**

### Target audience

- You will need **at least an upper intermediate to advanced level of English (B2)**
- Teachers who have a strong wish to learn about British culture in a direct, experiential manner
- Teachers who teach British culture to young adults and adults
- Teachers who wish to update their English based on real life models of the language

### Course summary

The course offers an opportunity for data and information collection on British culture and an update on current English usage. You will be learning about present-day British life, language and culture through direct encounter. We aim to provide you with an exciting, inspiring and authentic course that would not be possible for you to experience in your own country. Classroom training will be supplemented by guest speakers from different sectors of local society. This course also provides a large amount of English practice throughout.

### Programme of the training activities

- Issues of class and gender in British society
- Youth culture
- Authentic modern English
- Changes in education and their effects on parents, teachers and children
- The changing world of work
- UK facts and figures
- The shadow side of English culture, crime, subculture and the poor
- Stereotypes of Britain and the British - how true are they?
- Multiculturalism in Britain
- The relation between language and culture
- Political correctness
- UK humour

### Description of training content:

#### Preparation

Each applicant needs to send a Teacher's Profile 4 weeks before the course outlining hopes and objectives for achievement as a result of attending this course.

#### Objectives

This course aims to increase your awareness of present day British culture while offering you the opportunity to practise your own English.

#### Expected results

As a result of attending this course, the participants will gain a wider understanding of key issues in teaching culture in an ELT setting. They will also become more competent and confident users of English.

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## Programme of the training activities day by day:

Please note this is an **example** of a daily programme. Course content may often be usefully adapted to incorporate the needs of each specific group.

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 9:00 - 10:30	Introductions and group bonding. Group formation activities	Englishness defined	Visiting speaker 1	Religion in the UK	Listening. A variety of UK accents.
11:00 - 12:30	Needs analysis and goal setting	The interface between language and culture	Analysis of content and language use from the above	Visiting speaker 2	Accent and social class
Afternoon 14:00 - 15:30	Facts and figures A UK quiz	Different approaches to analysing culture	Politeness codes	Analysis of content and language use from the above	Review of week one, including feedback and goal setting for week two

WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 9:00 - 10:30	Aspects of multiculturalism In the UK	Overview of the U.K. political system	Overview of the UK class system.	Overview of the British educational system	Overview of English humour.
11:00 - 12:30	Guest Speaker 1	The shadow side of culture.	Visiting speaker 3	Guest speaker 2	Political correctness
Afternoon 14:00 - 15:30	Analysis of content and language from the above	Different varieties of English	Analysis of content and language from the above	Analysis of content and language used in the above	Course review, including evaluation and farewells

## Recommended reading:

- "Thinking Through Cultures – expeditions in cultural psychology" R. Shweder (Harvard University Press) 1991
- "Watching the English" Kate Fox (Hodder and Stoughton) 2004
- "Culture in Second Language Teaching and Learning" Eli Hinkel (CUP) 2000

**Please note you do not need to buy or bring these books to the course with you.**

## Type of certification awarded:

Attendance certificate detailing topics covered, course content and the number of training hours.

## Is this the right course for me?

- Yes, if you want to want to update and improve your knowledge of current English usage while learning about "living UK culture."

## If this is not the right course for you, please consider the following:

- **Teaching Advanced Students**

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