

Aspects of Teaching English (AT)

Preparation

A preparation pack is sent to participants on enrolment. Before the start of the course, participants will be asked to complete a pre-course questionnaire and a pre-course task which will enable the trainers to focus more specifically on the exact needs of the participants - the attached timetable, therefore, shows a sample programme for this course. The trainers will review the pre-course task during the course.

Objectives

This very practical course aims to provide participants with lots of ideas to help them reflect on and develop their current teaching practice by looking at:

- ❑ the latest teaching approaches
- ❑ new ideas and practical activities for skills and language development
- ❑ the latest teaching materials
- ❑ recent changes in the English language
- ❑ aspects of English life and culture

Each of the 3 sessions every day focuses on a different aspect of teaching English (eg phonology, task-based learning, NLP and Multiple Intelligences, evidence-based teaching, strategies for developing spoken fluency).

Methodology

Input will be provided in a variety of ways (including seminars and practical workshops, trainer summaries and demonstrations) that take account of the course participants' different learning preferences and styles. Participants will be encouraged to share their own ideas and experience, and develop networks with participants from other countries.

There will be opportunities throughout the course to exploit the UK context by collecting relevant authentic materials, making contact with native speakers and taking part in the school's social and cultural programme, and outings.

Follow up

Participants will be asked to complete a Study Journal during their stay to reflect on the new ideas they have experienced and on how they will incorporate them into their teaching and in their workplace. On the final day participants will present their own action plans and discuss these within their group. Follow up support is available via email and participants will be encouraged to report on their progress. A VLA will be set up for participants to collaborate online.

KEY FACTS

2-week courses (Mon-Fri), 30 'lessons' x 45 minutes per week (22.5 hours per week)
Maximum 12 participants per class

<i>Minimum level:</i>	CEFR B1 Intermediate	<i>Course fees:</i>	£700 + registration fee £90
<i>Course dates:</i>	AT1 04/01/16 – 15/01/16 AT2 18/01/16 – 29/01/16 AT3 21/03/16 – 01/04/16 AT4 04/07/16 – 15/07/16 AT5 18/07/16 – 29/07/16 AT6 01/08/16 – 12/08/16 AT7 10/10/16 – 21/10/16	<i>Accommodation:</i>	Homestay £140 pw Hotels from £60 pppn