Language and Methodology Refresher (Young Learners - ages 6-12)

2 weeks – 33 hours’ course content – 11 hours of workshops and talks - full social programme

Erasmus + funding available

This is a practical course that combines methodology with language improvement. Participants can develop their use of English whilst also broadening their repertoire of effective language teaching methodologies and techniques for young learners. This course is taught in a practical way, through discussions, group work and interactive tasks allowing participants to experience new techniques, share ideas and practice applying new techniques in a safe and supportive environment.

This course is for:
- Practising teachers of English who are working at primary level or below.
- Participants with an intermediate (B1) language level or above.
- Teachers who wish to refresh and broaden their knowledge of teaching techniques and methodologies for working with young learners.
- Teachers who want to further develop their proficiency in using English and feel more comfortable and confident using English in the classroom.
What you will gain by attending the course:

- Familiarity with the latest language teaching methodologies, classroom management skills and practical teaching techniques.
- An increased capacity to select, design, exploit and evaluate materials for young learners.
- Strategies for improving motivation and engagement of young learners.
- Improved language competencies and confidence in using English in the classroom.
- A greater intercultural awareness, including social, linguistic and cultural diversity and ability to foster intercultural awareness in your own classroom.
- Opportunities for post-course dissemination of good practice and promotion of innovative teaching to other teachers at local, national and international level.

Course content
This course will cover some or all of the following topics:

- Using natural classroom language
- Effective ways to introduce and practise new vocabulary
- Encouraging your students to speak
- Making grammar fun
- Using songs and games
- Improving teacher’s pronunciation and techniques for teaching pronunciation to young learners
- Storytelling
- Planning and implementing engaging activities
- Developing a positive, inclusive, working atmosphere that stimulates and encourages the children to reach their full potential

Please note that each course we run is tailored by our expert tutors to the professional needs and priorities of the group so content may be adapted to best suit the needs of your group.

Location
This course will take place at Bell Teacher Campus in Cambridge, based at Homerton College which is part of the University of Cambridge. Homerton College is an outstandingly beautiful college in secluded wooded grounds with easy access to Cambridge town centre. It has first-class learning and social facilities. Half-board accommodation is available in single en-suite rooms on site. The training staff at Bell Teacher Campus are all highly qualified and include published authors, materials writers and conference speakers. Afternoons entail a conference style approach with participants able to join an interesting variety of workshops, cultural talks and a special plenary lecture each week from a prominent speaker.

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