

IPC Exeter – The Teachers' Choice

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Developing Oral Fluency in the English Language Classroom (Primary)

For teachers working with children aged 4 –11 years. The 2 week course comprises 35 hours of classroom tuition.

Classroom sessions feature:

- Personal language development sessions (2.5 hours each session) with the emphasis on oral fluency and the generating of self-confidence in speaking skills. Participants gain a greater awareness of intonation and phonology patterns, colloquial English, English for the language classroom, areas of language according to an analysis of needs. Participants are encouraged to consider the techniques used in these sessions and to adapt the techniques to suit their classes at home.
- Sessions covering techniques and materials for the Primary classroom – activities to motivate learners using a range of techniques and materials which can easily be adapted by participants to use with different age groups and ability levels.
- 1 session in which participants reflect on classroom practice – considering the roles of teachers and learners, activities in the classroom, essential features of activities, timing of language input.
- 1 session in which participants work collaboratively to produce an activity they can use in their own classrooms.

- 1 session giving insight into the British Education system – types of schools, identification of groups of students, pastoral care, special needs, examinations, National Curriculum and new developments.
- 1 session in which participants deliver an activity to peers.

Activities outside the classroom include:

- Task-based learning activities in town and excursions to raise cultural awareness.
- Excursions to places of historic and cultural interest
- Visits to local places of outstanding natural beauty

Previous participants said:

“I’ve learnt so many things. I think I can adapt most of them in my class....I’ve learnt new ways and shared experiences with my colleagues (Mert Balli, Turkey. June 2010

“I had a wonderful time in Exeter together with teachers from all over Europe (14 nations) I loved experiencing the British way of life – food , pubs, queuing, getting used to the change of the weather.....Thank you for everything.” (Sandra Wenig, Germany. July 2010)

“Quality of teaching has been excellent.....I have learnt a lot of new things, new ways of teaching..... and I’ve had a lot of ideas about lessons and games to try out with my students, so they can learn English enjoying themselves.” Manila Scardigli, Italy. April 2010)

This course provides participants with a wonderful opportunity to establish links with teachers from many European countries.



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(This is a sample programme. The content will remain as above, but the timetable may change)

| | WEEK 1 | | WEEK 2 |
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| Sunday | Travel to Exeter: Meet homestay hosts – home for first night in Exeter | Sunday | Free day |
| Monday | 09h15: Introduction to IPC and Programme AM: Introduction to IPC PM: Town tour of Exeter with guide | Monday | AM: Practical ideas for the classroom 2 PM: Presentation |
| Tuesday | AM: Personal Language Development PM: Reflection on Teaching Young Learners | Tuesday | AM: Materials Design PM: British Education System |
| Wednesday | AM: Personal Language Development PM: Dartmoor trip with guide | Wednesday | A Day trip to Dartington and South Devon. |
| Thursday | AM: PLD PM: Practical ideas for the classroom 1 | Thursday | AM: PLD PM: Ideas exchange |
| Friday | AM: PLD PM: information gathering in Exeter (unguided) for presentation on Monday | Friday | AM: PLD PM: 12h15 Closing ceremony |
| Saturday | Day trip to EITHER Bath OR Tintagel, Cornwall | Saturday | Return home |

*Morning training sessions take place between 09h15 and 12h15 (30 minutes break between 10h30 and 11h00)
Afternoon training sessions take place between 13h00 and 16h00 (Afternoon break to be negotiated with participants)*

