

IPC Exeter – The Teachers' Choice

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Developing Oral Fluency in the English Language Classroom (Secondary)

For teachers working with pupils aged 11-19 years. The 2 week course comprises 35 hours of classroom tuition.

Classroom sessions feature:

- Personal language development sessions (2.50 hours each session) with the emphasis on oral fluency and generating increased confidence in speaking. 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, vocabulary etc. Participants are encouraged to consider the techniques used in these sessions and to adapt the techniques to suit their classes at home.
- 2 sessions covering techniques and materials for the Secondary classroom – activities to motivate learners using a variety 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 in which participants deliver an activity to peers.

- 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.

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:

“All classroom activities were very useful. I learned not only about English culture and lifestyle but gained a lot of useful ideas for teaching English and (I) improved my English.” (Dalia Smitiene, Lithuania. July 2010)

“Very inspiring, interesting and well organised. Town is beautiful. IPC can be recommended. Teachers were awesome.” (Astrid Schmidt, Germany. June 2010)

“Class sessions are perfect...I've learnt different activities, enjoyable games, new methods and so on.... Quality of teaching is also excellent.....I will be able to use so many things in my classes and try to adapt them into their levels.” (Zehra Ates Duruakan, Turkey. May 2010)

“It was a unique experience for me and I've had the chance to acquire many new interesting activities...I improved my oral fluency and my vocabulary.. I have more confidence now speaking English.” Alexandria Angela Ungureanu, Romania. Oct 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
Sunday	Travel to Exeter: Meet homestay hosts – home for first night in Exeter	Sunday	Free time
Monday	09h15: Introduction to IPC and Programme AM: Introduction to IPC, Personal Language Development PM: Town tour of Exeter with guide	Monday	AM: Practical ideas for the classroom PM: Presentations
Tuesday	AM: Personal Language Development PM: Reflection on Communicative Activities	Tuesday	AM: Materials Development PM: British Education System +Browsing
Wednesday	AM: Personal Language Development PM: Practical Ideas for the classroom	Wednesday	Day trip to Dartington and South Devon.
Thursday	AM: Personal Language Development PM: Half day trip to Dartmoor National Park	Thursday	AM: Personal Language Development PM: Ideas Exchange
Friday	AM: Personal Language Development PM: Information gathering for group presentations on Monday	Friday	AM: Language Development Session 9 PM: 12h15 Closing ceremony Free time
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)*