Materials Development for Language Education

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Overview and Outcomes

This course will explore many aspects of effective materials development, from key principles to practicalities, whether you are working with print or digital materials for your own classroom, for sharing with colleagues or even for publication.

By the end of the course, you will have gained experience in evaluating materials for a particular context, adapting them for a specific target group, and producing and receiving feedback on your own materials. In addition to exploring findings from second language acquisition, ensuring appropriate levels of challenge, and learning to select and exploit texts, practical matters such as writing teacher's notes, visual design, and using web tools are also addressed.

Content

Materials Development for Language Education includes content drawn from some or all of the following areas:

- Principles of materials development
- How language teaching material is used
- Materials for specific contexts and cultures
- Implications of second language acquisition research
- Principled evaluation of materials
- Principles and practice of materials adaptation
- Affect, motivation and engagement in materials
- Understanding and adjusting levels of challenge
- Materials for teaching grammar and vocabulary
- Materials for developing the four skills
- Design, layout and illustration
- Writing instructions and teacher's notes

Specific course content comes from feedback you and other participants give us through pre-course questionnaires, identifying your needs and priorities.

We build time into the course for reflection, to consider how to adapt the content to your own professional context.

We then support you in creating a strategy for putting your ideas into practice on returning to your institution.

All NILE courses involve a significant element of English language improvement and/or the development of language awareness.

Trainers

NILE's highly experienced trainers are experts, not only in their fields, but also in working with teachers for continuing professional development. Read more about NILE's trainers, their experience and interests at The NILE Team on the NILE website.

Teaching approaches

- We make courses practical and 'hands-on', with reference to relevant theory
- Our classes are participant-centred and collaborative, designed to build knowledge and confidence
- We use activities and tasks to help you apply the course content to your setting

Who is the course suitable for?

- Language teaching professionals who use or produce materials for their own classrooms, for sharing with colleagues or for publication.
- Participants should have a minimum language level corresponding to B1/B2 on the Common European Framework

Timetable

This course consists of 50 hours of tuition, delivered between 09:15 and 16:00, Monday - Friday. You will also take part in cross-curricular workshops on a variety of topics, and each course includes a free evening and weekend programme of social and cultural activities and trips.

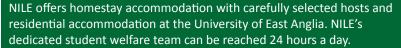| Materials Development for Language Education				
Sample Timetable (actual timetable may vary in its detail)				
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
09.00 - 10.30	Welcome and orientation	Materials development: principles and approaches	Webtools for making materials	Text-based approach	Materials evaluation
11.00 - 12.30	Exploring contexts and teachers' beliefs	Materials for productive skills	Materials making workshop	Materials for receptive skills	Materials evaluation workshop
13.30 - 15.30	ELT materials and users	Affect in language materials	Cross-curricular workshop	Materials for grammar and vocabulary	Working with images and video
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09.00 - 10.30	Questions in materials	Authentic materials and copyright Issues	Design and layout	Intercultural awareness in materials	Digital materials
11.00 - 12.30	Adding challenge and support	Materials production workshop	Instructions and teacher's notes	Materials production workshop	Materials presentations
13.30 - 15.30	Supplementary materials	Adapting materials	Cross-curricular workshop	Topic-based session	Course review and action planning

Facilities and resources

Each NILE course has a digital learning platform. This gives you access to the materials and the opportunity to share ideas with others while on the course and after you leave.

While at NILE you will also have the use of NILE's extensive ELT library, an online resource centre, a variety of computing devices, and wi-fi throughout the teaching buildings.

Certification

Your end-of-course NILE certificate details the areas covered on your course. It comes with recommendations for sharing what you have learnt and implementing your action plan at your institution.

The course can be extended to include The Trinity Certificate for Practising Teachers (CertPT) - awarded upon completing an 8-week assignment after the course, fulfilling the skills and knowledge descriptors as set out by Trinity College London.

NILE offers homestay accommodation with carefully selected hosts and residential accommodation at the University of East Anglia. NILE's dedicated student welfare team can be reached 24 hours a day.

A carefully curated and fully accompanied social and cultural programme of trips and visits is provided for all participants free of charge.

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The effort we take to make the experience of being on a NILE course both positive and productive has been recognised by inspections from Eaquals and the British Council. We are proud to be acknowledged as the top-ranking teacher training specialist in the UK.