

Advanced Language, Materials and Methodology



Overview and Outcomes

The course will enable you to develop your English proficiency and improve your awareness of current methodology and materials. This will involve reviewing the principles and practices of English language teaching, looking at recent developments in teaching methodology. As a course participant you will have the opportunity to share your experience of teaching, examining the relationship between language, materials and methodology and reflecting on your practice.



Content

Advanced Language Materials and Methodology includes content drawn from some or all of the following areas:

- Language change
- Language and contemporary Irish culture
- Motivating learners
- Creativity in the classroom
- The role of affect in the classroom
- 21st Century Skills
- Multimedia materials
- Using and designing authentic tasks
- Activities to develop language knowledge and use
- Recent developments in methodology
- Issues in language learning
- Helping learners become more autonomous

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?

- Teachers who wish to raise their awareness of how language, materials and methodology interact in the teaching of English to secondary school students and/or adults
- Participants with a minimum language level corresponding to B2/C1 on the Common European Framework

Timetable

This course consists of 50 hours of tuition, delivered between 09:00 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.

Advanced Language, Materials and Methodology Sample Timetable (actual timetable may vary in its detail)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.15 - 10.45	Welcome and orientation	Discover Galway	Materials evaluation	Learning differences and inclusion	Critical thinking
11.15 - 12.45	Motivation in the 21st century classroom	Fluency practice	Joined-up speaking	Irish cultural history activities	Critical thinking
14.00 - 16.00	Language and Irish culture	Contemporary Ireland and linguistic landscape	Irish arts and culture	Changing language	Contemporary literature
Week 2					
09.15 - 10.45	A question of questions	Developing 21st century skills using an oral narrative 1	ICT for language teaching	Integrating skills using poetry and song 1	Joined-up listening
11.15 - 12.45	Adapting materials	Developing 21st century skills using an oral narrative 2	Using authentic materials	Integrating skills using poetry and song 2	Feedback for moving forward
14.00 - 16.00	'Teenspeak': slang, accent, and dialect	Using video	Irish music and culture	Using stories	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 in Galway you will also have the use of 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.



All NILE's face-to-face courses are eligible for Erasmus+ funding. Europass can be validated .

Bridge Mills in Galway offers homestay accommodation with carefully selected hosts. Bridge Mills' dedicated student welfare team can be reached 24 hours a day.

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

