

Language Improvement for Teachers



Overview and Outcomes

The course will enable you to improve your language ability and acquire practical strategies to improve your English independently. As a course participant you will develop your classroom management techniques, such as giving instructions and eliciting, and you will be able to identify relevant principles in designing materials, including language development resources. You will develop your own use of English to help your students maximise the amount of English they use in their classroom.



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?

- English teachers and teachers teaching subjects through English who need to be able to run classes effectively in English
- Participants with a language level corresponding to A2-B2 on the Common European Framework*

*Teachers with a higher level of English should consider courses such as *Advanced Language, Materials and Methodology* or *Content and Language Integrated Learning*.

Content

Language Improvement for Teachers includes content drawn from some or all of the following areas:

- Giving effective instructions
- Explaining meaning
- Eliciting
- Giving effective feedback
- Praise
- Discipline
- Explaining difficult concepts clearly
- Describing classroom processes
- Managing classroom dynamics
- Engaging in professional discussions
- Writing effective worksheets

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.

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.

Language Improvement for Teachers Sample Timetable (actual timetable may vary in its detail)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 - 10.30	Welcome and orientation	Skills work: listening and speaking 2	Skills work: listening and speaking 3	Skills work: listening and speaking 4	Skills work: listening and speaking 5
11.00 - 12.30	Diagnostic assessment	Skills work: reading 1	Skills work: writing 1	Skills work: reading 2	Skills work: writing 2
13.30 - 15.30	Skills work: listening and speaking 1	Grammar workshop	Cross-curricular workshop	Grammar workshop	Vocabulary building 1
Week 2					
09.00 - 10.30	Skills work: listening and speaking 6	Skills work: listening and speaking 7	Classroom language 1	Classroom language 2	Classroom language 3
11.00 - 12.30	Grammar workshop	Writing instructions	Grammar workshop	Skills work: reading professional literature 2	Portfolio presentations
13.30 - 15.30	Vocabulary building 2	Skills work: reading professional literature 1	Cross-curricular workshop	Planning for learning after the course	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.

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.

Europass can be validated.

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.

