



Practical Ideas for Secondary English Teachers

Do you teach English to pupils aged 11-18 years old? Are you looking for fresh ideas to update your teaching repertoire? On this course you will explore ways to activate your students' language skills as well as considering different theories on learning and teaching.

Course Description

This **intensive professional development** course will enable you to discover **new and engaging ideas** for your teaching practice as well as **experience British culture** and stay in the **beautiful south-west of England**. You will work with **inspiring, motivated trainers** who will help you to **refresh and rejuvenate your teaching repertoire**. This course will also provide you with the opportunity to look at new **trends in British life, culture, and language**.

Course Content

[The course] has been stimulating, innovative, interesting and full of new ideas and activities that I will use in class.

— Loredana Vesco,
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Personal language development sessions

Classroom language and 'teacher talk'

Practical ideas for developing speaking and listening skills

Practical ideas for developing reading writing skills

Creating and evaluating engaging materials

The British education system and comparisons to other cultures

The role of assessment in the language classroom

Easy-to-use internet resources

Developing students' thinking skills

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A cooperative course task

Who is this course for?

This course is for **teachers of English** who work with **students** aged between **11 and 18**. It is for teachers who:

- Want to update and expand both their teaching ideas and their own knowledge and use of English
- Have a minimum English level of **Upper Intermediate (B2)**
- Enjoy working in a **co-operative** and **collaborative learning environment**
- Would like to **meet people** from other countries in Europe, for example to set up school partnerships
- Are seeking to **maintain student engagement** and keep their students in education

Supporting your European Development Plan



IPC courses support **staff** (continuing) with their professional development in terms of:

- Improving linguistic competence
- Enhancing professional skills and knowledge e.g. awareness of issues related to teaching young learners
- Providing teachers (and schools/educational organisations) with the opportunity to initiate school partnerships to enhance the on-going learning experience of pupils/students/learners
- Becoming more interculturally aware through meeting colleagues from other countries as well as being in the United Kingdom
- Gaining knowledge of the British and other colleagues' education systems

They also support **organisations** in terms of:

- Gaining a more European/international perspective/profile
- Benefitting from teachers integrating their experiences into their school/local community

Sample Programme

On the **Practical Ideas for Secondary English** course you will:

- Have opportunities to discuss factors which influence your teaching situation
- Experience a variety of learning activities first hand, allowing you to develop a greater understanding of different learning theories as well as giving you practical teaching ideas to use in your classroom
- Work on ideas which motivate your learners, but do not require much preparation time
- Have opportunities to develop/improve/refresh your own English skills and knowledge
- Have an opportunity to explore the local area with an IPC guide on escorted trips to places of interest
- Put course content into practice by delivering a course task with a colleague or colleagues to your fellow course participants

Day	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Sunday	ARRIVAL IN EXETER	
Monday	Introduction to IPC and Course Needs Analysis	Guided Town Tour (including Exeter Cathedral)
Tuesday	Teaching Teenagers: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly	Practical Ideas through Personal Language Development
Wednesday	Teaching the Individual: Learning Styles and Motivation	Non-Classroom-based Activity e.g. Trip
Thursday	Practical Ideas focusing on Teaching Grammar	Practical Ideas focusing on Teaching Pronunciation
Friday	Practical Ideas focusing on Teaching Vocabulary	Free Afternoon
Saturday	Full day trip with your IPC Guide	
Sunday	Free day: A chance to explore on your own, with your homestay host or with new friends	
Monday	Developing Learners' Oral Skills	Practical Ideas Session
Tuesday	Developing Learners' Literacy Skills	Practical Ideas Session
Wednesday	Introduction of Course Task and Preparation Time	Non-Classroom-based Activity e.g. Trip
Thursday	Course Task Delivery and Feedback	Language Development Activities focusing on the British Education System
Friday	Practical Ideas and Course Closure Activities	Free Afternoon
Saturday	RETURN HOME	

*Programme subject to change