



# EFFECTIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING IN EUROPE

Language, Education & Culture for Teachers of EFL

SOCRATES COMENIUS / GRUNDTVIG COURSE 2008

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| 13 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July    | UK-2007-480-4 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> October | UK-2007-480-4 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November | UK-2007-480-4 |

## COURSE INFORMATION

This course is intended for English language teachers in secondary and adult education in the European Union. It aims to upgrade language and teaching skills while providing an insight into the culture of Wales. The course fee is 1300 € and this includes training sessions, a cultural programme, ensuite accommodation in comfortable Bed and Breakfast accommodation close to the training centre, and dinner each evening in a hotel in the town centre. Costs that are not included are flights, airport transfers and lunches each day. You can apply for funding to the EU Socrates programme. For further details please see page 3.

### PREPARATION:

Participants will be asked in advance to think about a language teaching technique they have used recently, explaining why they have found it successful. This will be used as a starting point for discussion on successful teaching methodologies during the course.

Participants will also complete an electronic language test to identify their current level of English and to identify any problem areas.

Finally participants will be sent a needs analysis questionnaire, which will help course tutors to meet needs of each group of participants.

### OBJECTIVES:

- To enhance participants' language skills
- To discuss current issues and trends in language teaching methodology
- An opportunity to experience and try out different teaching techniques and to work with educational technology
- An introduction to Welsh language and culture including a cultural visit in the area

### METHODOLOGY:

The participants will be in multi-lingual groups where all the interaction will be in English. Many sessions will be workshop-based involving problem-solving and discussion. Participants will also experience various language learning techniques which can be transferred to their own classroom. There will be an ongoing evaluation and one-to-one sessions to set targets and draw up an action plan.

### OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course, the participants will have improved their language skills. As teachers they will have shared experience and best-practice and become aware of different approaches to language teaching methodology. They will have new materials/practical ideas to try out in the classroom. They will also have learnt about Wales and Welsh culture.

## **FOLLOW-UP:**

At the end of the course there will be a group feedback session with tutor where students will evaluate their progress during the course and discuss opportunities for further personal study after the course as well as the transfer of ideas learnt on the course to the classroom on their return home. Students will also be given an opportunity to complete a written evaluation of each aspect of the course.

## **PROGRAMME OF THE FIVE DAY LANGUAGE COURSE DAY BY DAY:**

### **SUNDAY**

**PM:** ARRIVAL IN LLANGOLLEN, participants stay in local B & B accommodation

### **MONDAY**

**AM** 09.00-10.45 WELCOME, REGISTRATION AND INTRODUCTIONS

11.15-13.00 Group bonding activities and course objectives. Creating and maintaining a healthy learning environment.

**PM** 14.00-16.00 Creative approaches to teaching pronunciation – some practical activities.

16.00-17.00 AN INTRODUCTION TO WELSH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

**Evening** INTERNATIONAL FOOD EVENING. Teachers will be invited to bring a typical food item from their region for the other participants to taste!

### **TUESDAY**

**AM** 09.00-10.45 Putting glamour into grammar. What is grammar and how can we teach it in a learner friendly manner.

11.15-13.00 Grammar activities including the lexical approach.

**PM** 14.00-16.00 Developing reading skills. 'Text tricks' – ways of motivating learners to read.

### **WEDNESDAY**

09.00-13.00 Teaching speaking skills.

14.00-16.00 Exploiting the text book creatively and effectively.

16.00-17.00 AN INTRODUCTION TO WELSH HISTORY.

### **THURSDAY**

**AM** 09.00-10.45 Using video material to develop listening skills.

11.15-13.00 Varieties of English including a quiz.

**PM** 14.00-16.00 Teaching language and culture.

**Evening** LIVE JAZZ AT THE PUB (optional)

### **FRIDAY**

**AM** 09.00-10.45 Using drama techniques in language teaching.

**PM** 11.15-13.00 'An error is a gift to the class'.

14.00-16.00 Teaching writing skills.

16.00-17.00 Feedback session with tutor.

### **SATURDAY**

**AM** 09.30-16.00 DAY TRIP TO CHESTER, CITY TOUR AND SHOPPING

**SUNDAY** 09.30-18.00 DAY TRIP TO SNOWDONIA, visit to Conwy Castle and guided walk at Cwm Idwal.

## MONDAY: DEPARTURE

ALL EVENING MEALS WILL BE SERVED IN A LOCAL HOTEL IN LLANGOLLEN (first meal served Monday evening)

OFFICIAL COURSE DETAILS CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE SOCRATES DATABASE OF TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS. ADDRESS BELOW: <http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/>

## APPLYING FOR THE COURSE AND FUNDING

If you are a teacher in Europe or in a European Candidate country (Slovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Iceland) you can apply for an EU Socrates Comenius grant for funding of up to € 1500 to cover all of your course costs. If you are a teacher in adult education you can apply for a Socrates Grundtvig grant. The course fee is € 1300 and this includes all costs except flights, transfers to the centre from the airport, and lunches each day.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR EU FUNDING FOR YOUR COURSE

1. Check availability with ECTARC and complete ECTARC pre-registration form.
2. Contact your Socrates National Agency for a Socrates Comenius/Grundtvig Application Form.
3. Apply to your National Agency for a grant for the course.
4. Complete and send the full ECTARC Registration Form with a copy of your completed Socrates Comenius/Grundtvig Application Form to ECTARC.
5. Your place will be reserved until 5 weeks before the start of the course. You MUST advise ECTARC immediately your application for funding has been approved or not approved. You can register at any time after that date if places are still available.

If you are not applying for EU funding, complete and send a full ECTARC registration form to reserve a place on a course. Once payment has been received your place on the course will be confirmed.

For any questions regarding funding, including the address of your Socrates National Agency please contact us at the address below.

### DEADLINE

The next deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN LLANGOLLEN!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: [VANESSA.BALDRY@ECTARC.COM](mailto:VANESSA.BALDRY@ECTARC.COM) AT ECTARC, THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR TRAINING AND REGIONAL COOPERATION, PARADE STREET, LLANGOLLEN, WALES, UK. [WWW.ECTARC.COM](http://WWW.ECTARC.COM). TEL:0044(0)1978861514 FAX:0044(0)1978861804**