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Who is the course suitable for?

- Teachers who are interested in developing their own command of English and exploring the relationship between language learning and intercultural awareness
- Teachers with a minimum language level corresponding to C1 on the Common European Framework

What are the aims of the course?

- to develop participants' own active use of English
- to develop awareness of culturally loaded meaning in English
- to examine recent changes in English
- to explore the influence of social and political factors (e.g. sub-cultures, ethnic diversity, social class, media discourses) on contemporary English
- to develop participants' critical language awareness
- to explore textbook treatments of culture and intercultural awareness
- to explore the intercultural dimension of language learning
- to explore practical approaches to integrating language learning and intercultural learning in the classroom

What will the course include?

All course participants receive a pre-course questionnaire, which should be returned prior to the course. This is to ensure that the areas of most relevance to participants are covered. The approach used by our trainers will exemplify good practice in teaching methodology, and they will draw on a wide range of authentic text and illustrative material (e.g. advertisements, newspapers, literary texts, film and TV) to focus on links between contemporary culture and the English language. Language will be examined as a social and cultural phenomenon. Time will be built into the course for reflection and for participants to consider how to adapt ideas from the course to classrooms in their own context.

How long is the course and what approach is used?

The 50-hour course provision includes intensive tuition by trainers who are experts in the field of Language and Intercultural Learning, as well as opportunities for reading and research and guest lectures from well-known figures in the field of ELT. Classes will be practical and 'hands-on' but with reference to relevant theory. Classes are held from Monday to Friday and take place as detailed in the course-specific timetable but always within the hours 0915 – 1715. NILE course participants have free access to an extensive ELT library and a modern suite of computers with a broadband Internet link. The NILE course venues have a wireless (Wi-Fi) environment.