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Advanced Language, Materials and Methodology

Who is the course suitable for?

This course is aimed at ELT professionals who are interested in:

- improving their understanding and command of contemporary written and spoken English
- raising their awareness of how language, materials and methodology interact in the teaching of English

Prospective participants should have a minimum language level corresponding to C1 on the Common European Framework.

What are the aims of the course?

- To review how English is used both inside and outside the classroom
- To review the principles and practice of teaching English as a second or foreign language
- To introduce and critically survey recent developments in methodology and the analysis of language for teaching
- To examine the relationship between language, materials and methodology
- To consider how materials are developed for English teaching and to review a range of recent materials relevant to participants' needs
- To encourage course participants to re-examine their own teaching.

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 three main strands of the course will be carefully integrated but will include attention to some or all of the following, in line with participants' needs and interests:

- Personal language development
- Pedagogic grammar
- Grammar at discourse level
- Vocabulary extension work
- Language change
- Language and culture
- Materials evaluation
- Basic principles in materials design
- Multimedia materials
- Recent developments in methodology
- Issues in language learning
- The changing role of the teacher

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, Materials and Methodology, 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.