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## **British Studies: Language, Literature and Life**

### **Who is the course suitable for?**

- English teachers who want their students to develop a parallel awareness of language and culture, but want to avoid a static "British Life and Institutions" approach
- Teachers who wish to update their own knowledge and teaching skills in the focus areas of this course
- Teachers who have a minimum language level corresponding to C1 on the Common European Framework

### **What are the aims of the course?**

- to familiarise participants with contemporary currents in British life, language and literature
- to examine current shifts in the use of English in relation to issues such as language and social class, attitudes to correctness and the languages of subcultures
- to explore methodological approaches to teaching British Studies

### **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. However, topics are likely to be drawn from the following:

- aspects of contemporary British life, particularly in relation to language
- language and social class
- the concept of "standard English" and its relationship to English as an International Language
- attitudes to prescriptiveness
- current social trends
- recent/contemporary political developments, both within the UK and in relation to the European Union
- aspects of popular culture

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 British Studies, 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.