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Creativity in Primary ELT

Who is the course suitable for?

- teachers and others involved in the young learner field (the term 'young learners' should be taken to cover the 6 - 13 age range) who are interested in innovative, creative and practical approaches to their task
- participants with a minimum language level corresponding to B1 on the Common European Framework

What are the aims of the course?

- to explore and incorporate the making and using of toys/arts and crafts/science exploration into classroom practice, where a 'language across the curriculum' approach is encouraged at all times.
- to provide hands-on experience and practice in making and using toys, arts and crafts, science exploration as windows onto learning English in the children's classroom;
- to provide a hands-on experience of cutting edge *practical* methodology at both primary and early secondary levels;
- to provide support and development in language which is specific to the teaching of curriculum content in English

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:

- classroom language
- arts, crafts and toymaking
- the place of play in language learning
- materials design
- using rhymes, songs, movement and stories in the classroom
- bridging the gap between home and school

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 Active Learning and Teaching, 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.