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Technology Assisted Language Learning

Who is the course suitable for?

- Teachers interested in developing their skills in any aspect of applications of Information and Communication Technology in language teaching
- Teachers with at least basic computer literacy skills, including Windows 1997-2003, browsing the Internet and the ability to send and receive e-mails

What are the aims of the course?

- To raise participants' awareness of the possibilities, challenges and potential of digital technologies
- To familiarise participants with a wide range of software applicable in language teaching and learning
- To enable participants to create and work effectively with web pages and web platforms

What will the course cover?

All participants will receive a pre-course questionnaire which will help to determine the content of the course and also key areas of focus. These key areas are likely to include:

- Applications software for language teachers, e.g., word processors and presentation software
- The creation and use of multimedia materials based on commercially and freely available software and shareware
- Accessing language corpora and using concordances and text analysis programmes to create language materials for the classroom
- Core skills for the Internet, such as searching, creating and evaluating web pages, communicating through forums, conferencing etc
- Experience with Read/Write web technologies such as wikis and blogs, and also with podcasts
- Access to professional development through participating in the ELT international community via the internet
- An opportunity to complete a small-scale project involving e.g. lesson plans, e-learning materials, website design

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 Information and Communication Technology in Language 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.