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Teaching English in Kindergarten

Who is the course suitable for?

- teachers of English to very young learners (3 - 6 age range) at kindergarten or pre-school
- participants with a minimum language level corresponding to B1 on the Common European Framework

What are the aims of the course?

- to develop and extend teachers' awareness of the principles and practice of teaching English to very young learners
- to develop and extend participants' classroom language
- to give participants opportunities to improve and update their spoken and written 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:

- Personal language development
- Classroom language
- Theories of early cognitive development and first language learning
- A range of approaches for teaching English as a second or foreign language to very young learners and how such approaches may be realised in the classroom
- The role of play and importance of receptive language in teaching very young learners;
- Evaluation of published materials and design and creation of teacher-made materials for very young learners;
- Assessment of very young learners;
- Initial syllabus and course 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 Teaching Very Young Learners, 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.