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## **Teaching English to Young Learners**

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

- Teachers as well as academic managers in the young learner field (the term 'young learners' should be taken to cover the 6 - 13 age range)
- 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 participants' awareness of the principles and practice of teaching English to 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
- Insights into cultural and intercultural issues
- Classroom language
- Theories of cognitive development and first language learning in young learners
- A range of approaches for teaching English to young learners and how such approaches may be realised in the classroom
- Evaluation of materials for teaching English to young learners
- Design and creation of teacher-made materials
- Assessment of young learners
- Initial syllabus and course design
- Classroom observation as a means of revealing and informing practice

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 Teaching English to 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.