

Contemporary English

2 weeks – 36 hours' course content – 11 hours of workshops and talks - full social programme
Erasmus + funding available



This is a practical, active and interactive course that explores current trends in English, provides opportunities for language development and practice and presents practical ideas and techniques for teaching language. You will learn up-to-date idiomatic and colloquial English, explore how the current cultural climate is affecting English and be more aware of changes in English pronunciation and grammar. You will also experience a variety of effective teaching strategies, activities and techniques that you can use with your own students in your own classroom.

This course is for:

- Experienced teachers with an **advanced (C1)** language level or above.
- Participants with a high existing level of English who want to improve and update their language and their classroom practice.
- Participants who want to know about new trends and changes in modern English usage.



What you will gain by attending the course:

- Increased awareness of recent changes and developments in English grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.
- Improved English language competencies, including a greater knowledge of idiomatic and colloquial language.
- Greater awareness of a range of techniques and strategies for presenting and practising new language.
- Opportunities to develop and disseminate innovative teacher practice internationally

Course content

This course will cover some or all of the following topics:

- How English is affected by the cultural climate
- Language, gender and political correctness
- Lexical change and development: where new words come from and how they are formed
- Grammar change and the implications for teaching
- Slang, contemporary phrasal verbs and idioms
- Pronunciation: from RP to the English of the future
- Exploiting authentic materials for learning activities

Please note that each course we run is tailored by our expert tutors to the professional needs and priorities of the group so content may be adapted to best suit the needs of your group.

Location



This course will take place at **Bell Teacher Campus** in **Cambridge**, based at **Homerton College** which is part of the **University of Cambridge**. Homerton College is an outstandingly beautiful college in secluded wooded grounds with easy access to Cambridge town centre. It has first-class learning and social facilities. Half-board accommodation is available in single en-suite rooms on site. The training staff at Bell Teacher Campus are all highly qualified and include published authors, materials writers and conference speakers. Afternoons entail a conference style approach with participants able to join an interesting variety of workshops, cultural talks and a special plenary lecture each week from a prominent speaker.

Further information

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