

Life, Language and Literature – A New ELT Methodology Course for Teachers

Required English Language Level: B2

Summary:

This Life, Language and Literature for Teachers' Course is a two-week course consisting of 20 contact hours per week plus an extensive cultural and social programme which is directly linked to the afternoon sessions. While there is a distinct focus on exploring teaching methodologies that allow us to bring literature and culture into the ELT classroom, the course also involves a significant element of English language improvement and a focus on developing language awareness.

We have developed this course for practising teachers who wish to update their knowledge of contemporary English and who want to increase their appreciation of different methodologies and teaching techniques that can be used to bring culture and literature into the ELT classroom. The course explores and promotes awareness of Anglo-Irish literature and Irish writers in Dublin, a UNESCO City of Literature. We also examine the impact of recent developments in ELT on the teaching of literature and cross-cultural awareness.

Methodology:

The input sessions are a blend of theory and practice based on Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) methodology. We will use a mix of presentation and demonstration of practical teaching activities with in-house developed Irish-themed materials. As the course progresses, participants will be encouraged to reflect on their own practice, consider alternative practices and build up a bank of resources that they themselves can try out and then adapt to their own professional teaching contexts. During the course, they will also take part in activity programme in which they are encouraged to develop their language skills in a more informal environment outside the classroom and further enhance their knowledge of Ireland.

Course dates 2018:

16 July – 27 July 2018

30 July – 10 August 2018

* a separate date can be arranged for closed groups