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Teacher Refresher Course 2010 (Closed Group Course)

The English Language Centre offers courses designed for teachers of English as a foreign language. Participants have the opportunity to improve and update their knowledge of the English language, and gain a wealth of ideas and materials for use in the classroom. The courses combine general group lessons in the morning with specialist two hour sessions every afternoon, which focus on Teaching Methodology and offer a refreshing look at some of the new developments in English Language Teaching. All our courses are accredited by the British Council and EAQUALS, and we are a member of English UK.

- One or two week course available to closed groups
- Course dates to be agreed between group organisers and the ELC
- Students must be teachers in their native country to benefit from this course
- Students are placed according to their ability for their General English group lessons, following a diagnostic placement test. We always have a minimum of 6 different levels in the school
- Adult classes have a maximum of 14 students, with an average of 12 in the summer and an average of 9 during the rest of the year
- We recommend that teachers are at 'upper intermediate' level before they join this course
- Afternoon lessons will be for the closed group only

Teacher Refresher Course Content

25 hours of group classes each week (15 hours General English, 10 hours teacher refresher)
9.15 – 16.00 daily, Monday-Friday

This course includes General English improvement during the morning sessions – grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation and the 4 language skills - reading, writing, listening and speaking.

In addition, tailored afternoon sessions in closed groups will address the following topics:

- Language analysis and teaching strategies
- Presenting new language and vocabulary
- Developing fluency and accuracy
- Improving pronunciation
- The use of videos and work sheets
- Games, role play and drama for language learning
- The use of authentic materials
- Evaluation of text books and other teaching materials
- Classroom management
- Discussion groups and presentations – comparing and contrasting participants' teaching experience

A typical day's timetable could be:

09.15 – 10.45	Course work covering essential grammar components and language structures
10.45 – 11.15	Break
11.15 – 12.45	Reinforcement of new structures, vocabulary development and practice in the 4 skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch break
13.45 – 16.00	Specialist afternoon sessions for teachers, in a closed group (incl. short break) For topics, see above.

Teacher Refresher Course Fees

225 GBP per student per week (250 GBP per student per week during the summer period 31 May - 27 August)

In addition to tuition, the course fee also includes:

- Diagnostic entry test
- Full information package
- All books and materials
- Wireless internet and e-mail access
- Use of the Multimedia Centre and Library
- Services of Student Support Manager
- Social programme: at least 2 evenings per week throughout the year. During the summer (31 May-27 August 2010), at least 3 evenings per week & an excursion every Saturday.
- End of course certificate and final report (if required)

A non-returnable Registration Payment of 100 GBP is charged for all courses. This consists of 50 GBP enrolment fee and 50 GBP deposit which is credited towards the tuition fees.

Accommodation Fees

Standard Homestay	112 GBP per week
Executive Homestay	175 GBP per week

There is a non-returnable Accommodation Placement Fee of 50 GBP

Homestay accommodation includes a single room, breakfast, and dinner each day (also lunch at the weekend), and basic laundry. Executive Homestay includes en-suite bathroom facilities. We ensure that no two students of the same mother tongue are staying with the same family.

Students should arrive with their Host Family on the Sunday before their course starts, and leave on the Saturday after their course finishes.