



Teachers Training Course For Teachers Of English



Since 1992, S.O.L. has received over 34,000 students and 4,000 teachers on its various courses in N Devon. SOL's excellent reputation is well known, yet it has maintained the lowest prices you will find for courses of such high quality, especially for its teacher training courses which are run at no-profit if no grant is available. These continue to be held in Barnstaple, the 'Capital' of N Devon. This area is one of the most beautiful parts of England, with the spectacular coast of the Atlantic Ocean close by.

We are offering three Courses for 2010. The first two are subsidised by SOL:

Sun 4th July – Wed 14th July 2010	Ref INT 4070.	11 days	Cost £415 inclusive (within England)
Sun 18th July – Thu 29th July 2010	Ref INT 4080.	12 days	Cost £445 inclusive (within England)
Sun 18th July – Sat 31st July 2010	Ref INT 4081.	14 days	Cost €995 but eligible for EU grants

All courses are highly practical intensive courses for teachers of English looking for refreshing ideas for their teaching, experiencing the cultural life of 'real' England and developing their own language knowledge in the process.

Accommodation is with **host families**, who provide all meals, including packed lunch on course and departure days, and, where needed, transport to and from the centre each day. The success of the courses is greatly enhanced by the quality of our host families, who offer warm hospitality to guests and also time in the evening for relaxed conversation. This really is an excellent opportunity to spend time communicating in English naturally - something that most teachers don't often get time for! The time with the host families is so often underestimated by other institutions. But for many it is the highlight of the course and provides excellent language development! Here, maybe with a teacher from another country also on the course, conversation is relaxed and natural with friendly hosts and in a natural home setting!

Application for any course should be made by letter or e-mail at any time to the contact overleaf. Once you have confirmed your ability to take part, we will send all details regarding payments, and an information sheet, which we will ask you to complete and return to us. This helps with the planning of the course, travel plans and placement with an appropriate host family. A 10% deposit is all that is required to book a place.

Travel to and from England is the individual's responsibility and is not included in the price, though advice can be given. SOL however will organise all travel to Devon for morning arrivals in London on the first day. Heathrow is the meeting point, which is accessible from all London airports. Transport to Devon is included in the price as is all travel within the programme. At the end of the course, the group will be taken to Heathrow and London Victoria by noon. Those with later flights will be able to have a short sightseeing in London.

Overview This course is run by trainers who have current and considerable experience of both teaching and teacher training in central Europe, so you can be sure the whole course will be relevant to your needs. It is an intensive but very enjoyable course offering teachers of English a unique combination of new interactive classroom strategies, improved confidence in speaking English and a varied and well planned cultural experience. Our summer 2009 courses saw a record number of participants from twelve different European countries.

The Daily Programme runs from 08.30 to 18.00 with an hour for lunch. The majority of the programme will be with the tutors but there will also be several visits to local places of interest and a fieldwork approach will give added value to such visits. Free time for discussion and independence won't be forgotten and for shopping SOL is situated next to the town centre!

Course 1 : Authentic British Language and Culture: July 4th-14th

Do you feel you need to know the 'real' Britain rather than the stereotypical images of red phone boxes and beefeaters shown in traditional textbooks? Do you want to be able to confidently use the words, phrases and expressions spoken by native speakers? This exciting new course is designed to meet two pressing needs of Eastern and Central European English teachers. Firstly, it will help you to improve your own speaking skills, giving you more confidence in using contemporary British English. Secondly, it will prepare you for a trend commonly seen in the latest text books and exam syllabuses – namely a comparative and evaluative approach to studying modern British culture.

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- speak with greater confidence and fluency in modern colloquial British English
- use an extended active vocabulary with a focus on contemporary word usage
- identify and explain differences and similarities between life in modern Britain and their own country
- use strategies for comparing cultures in their own classes
- use new strategies for teaching colloquial English and, in general, strategies that encourage students to speak in their classes

Delivery:

- Trainers will teach all topics interactively using strategies that participants can use in their own classes
- 'Fieldwork' visits to local towns and the Atlantic coast form an integral part of the course, forming the basis for a range of project linked classroom activities
- Homework tasks will be set to encourage participants to discuss contemporary language and cultural issues with their host families
- Opportunities to discuss British life with visitors from the local community. These will usually include civic leaders, representatives of voluntary organizations, teachers and high school students from Barnstaple

Course 2: *The Reflective English Teacher*: July 18th – 29th

Hearing about new teaching ideas at conferences and in books and journals and is one thing – applying to your own teaching is quite another! This is the ideal course for teachers determined to bridge the gap between theory and practice and improve their classroom teaching. Taking a strong 'evidence based' approach to professional development, the course will allow participants to experiment with new teaching strategies that they can use immediately when they return to their home countries. The course will naturally make full use of SOL's location in South West England to help develop participant's awareness of contemporary British language and culture.

By the end of the course participants will be able to use a focused range of interactive teaching strategies.

These will include:

- Drama and dialogue activities
- Preparing students to deliver formal presentations
- Use of images in the classroom
- Five minute activities
- Creative writing tasks
- Use of music and song lyrics
- Formative assessment strategies (Assessment For Learning)

Delivery

- Trainers will both demonstrate new strategies and, explain why they are effective in the classroom
- Where appropriate, links will be made with preparing students for specific exams commonly taken in Central and Eastern Europe
- The trainers will often differentiate to meet the needs of teachers teaching young learners, teenagers and adults at all ability levels.
- Throughout the course participants will be encouraged to reflect on their own classroom practise and critically evaluate new strategies, often through discussions with other participants on the course
- Participants will have opportunity to try these activities out in lesson planning and micro-teach activities

Course 3: July 18th – 31st

This follows the same pattern as the second course. However, the final two days provide a further in-depth study which will relate to the interests of the participants themselves. Further details on a separate information sheet and on the website.

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