

EFL Methodology in Practice – MODULE 5: Current Trends and Innovative Approaches to Language Learning

Course Ref: EP 3.5

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Minimum English Level CEF B2

TOPICS

Education Today; Consideration of the 8 Competencies

This session will introduce the 8 competencies and how they should be incorporated into curriculum and lesson planning.

Is there a Place for Traditional Approaches in Classrooms today?

Do we focus too much on communicative ability and fluency at the expense of accuracy? This session looks at how more traditional approaches still have a place alongside some of the newer approaches and shouldn't be disregarded as old-fashioned.

Online Learning, Distance and Blended Learning

A look at how the internet has created new opportunities for their learning. Students can practise their English or communicate their ideas through special study groups and online forums.

Modern Language, Slang and the Influence of Technology on Language

Advances in technology have influenced the language and introduced new slang terms. This session examines some of these recent changes.

Introduction to CLIL and Using English in the Classroom

What is CLIL and how is it different to bilingual or immersion education?

Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs)

Many classrooms are now equipped with IWBs. In this session we show you how the IWB can be utilised by introducing a range of activities and techniques.

Pronunciation

A look at why pronunciation is important and some activities to practise in the classroom.

This module is recommended for non-native speakers of English teaching students aged 10 upwards. The course is also suitable for teachers of CLIL, Business English and English for Specific Purposes.

The module provides the strategies, skills, activities and language necessary to deliver English language lessons meeting the challenges of education in 21st century Europe. The module discusses how to access, from the participant's own country, changes and trends in English, as well as useful websites.

MODULE 5 - Course Content and Strategies

In accordance with the participants' Needs Analyses, the following topics may be discussed in-depth, presented in an overview or referred for post-course studies:

- *Education Today - Consideration of the 8 Competencies*
- *Is there a Place for Traditional Approaches in Classrooms Today?*
- *Online Learning, Distance and Blended Learning - Interactive Whiteboards*
- *Modern Language, Slang and the Influence of Technology on Language*
- *Introduction to CLIL and Using English in the Classroom*
- *Pronunciation*

One-Week Course

(Total course contact hours: 22.5 hrs)

Sample programme which can be adapted to suit the participants' needs

	Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five
8.50 09.15- 12.35	Welcome Testing and Evaluation College Orientation	Active participation In a live class	Active participation in a live class	Active participation in a live class	Active participation in a live class
Lunch Break					
14.00- 15.30	Education Today: Consideration of the 8 Key Competencies	Modern Language, Slang and the Influence of Technology on Language	Is there a Place for Traditional Approaches in Classrooms?	Interactive Whiteboards (IWB's)	CLIL Introduction and Using English in the Classroom
Sat / Sun	One Full Day Cultural Excursion included per Two-Week course (optional for One-Week course)				

This module can be combined with module 4 or 6 to form the following:

Two-Week Courses

(Total course contact hours: 45 hrs)

Diversified Classroom Activities (10+ yrs)

- + **Current Trends & Innovative Approaches to Language Learning (10+ yrs)**
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- + **Building Language Learning & Exam Power (14+ yrs)**

Outcomes

- How to integrate new/traditional strategies for the most successful classroom practice
- New Techniques and Methodological Approaches of teaching English as a Foreign Language
- Improving language teaching practice skills
- Improving personal English Language skills and confidence in lesson delivery
- Better understanding of students' needs and behaviour during classes
- Learning Techniques to improve students' motivation
- Developing sensitivity to cultural diversity
- Teamwork and Interpersonal Abilities
- Better Knowledge of Erasmus+ potential for your own and others' professional development

Follow Up Provided

Post-Course Modalities

- Linguistic Profile based on Common European Framework of Reference
- An EFL Methodology in Practice Course Professional Profile
- Europass
- Post-Course Forum
- Applicant Dissemination and Exploitation Advice