

Workshops for Teachers

Exploiting communicative activities for greater structural and lexical practice

About the workshops

In these workshops participants will explore practical classroom activities designed to develop students' confidence in speaking English. During the sessions teachers will be introduced to a range of creative ideas where the focus is on the communication of meaning and the development of fluency. There is an emphasis on how such learning can be used to help foster a positive and supportive learning environment.

In order to appeal to a variety of learner styles, the activities incorporate a range of different task types. The session will include advice on how best to meet the challenges of managing communicative activities in the classroom, and participants will be invited to share their own experiences.

It must be stressed that these are practical sessions. Attending teachers will be asked to participate in the activities as students in order to experience first hand the dynamics of the process.

Most activities are pitched at young secondary age students, but the workshop will incorporate content appropriate for primary school teachers. The activities that have been chosen are adaptable for use with students of all ages and there will be an opportunity to discuss how such adaptations can be made.

Types of Activity

- Mingling exercises
- Whole class activities
- Collaborative work in groups
- Competitive team games
- Note-taking and short writing activities
- Warm-up games and exercises using drama
- Role-plays

Why Use Communicative Activities?

Such activities can be used to:

- Reinforce or review previously studied language, structures or vocabulary
- Increase students' interest and motivation to learn English
- Provide opportunities for genuine and creative language use, which will help students to appreciate the real value of their learning
- Create a memorable experience for students that will aid language retention
- Help improve student confidence
- Make lessons more fun
- Reward student behaviour

Trainer Profile



Trevor Kelly has taught English as a foreign language for over fifteen years in many different countries including Uganda, India, Spain, Italy, Austria and Poland. He currently works as a Promotions Officer for English in Action and in this role regularly delivers demonstration classes and seminars for teachers in many parts of Europe and Asia.

Trevor has a passion for teaching English as a means of personal development, enhancing global communication and cultivating multicultural awareness.

Workshop details

Catania

APRIL 7TH 10.00am – 13.00pm and 15.00pm – 18.00pm

Venue: Euro Soluzioni in collaborazione con English in Action

presso il Business Center EuroGea

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Please note that each workshop is strictly limited to a maximum of 25 participants

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