

2 Week Teacher of English Refresher Course at Edgewater College, Ireland

SESSION OUTLINE

- Course Intro/Getting to know you

A chance for participants to share information about themselves, their jobs and their opinions on teaching. Participants will also be introduced to some new ideas for first lessons (or alternatively, fluency focused lessons) which they can use with their own learners.



- Foreign Language lesson

A chance for the participants to sit on the other side of the desk and feel what their learners feel. A new appreciation of the learners' experience guaranteed (plus, you get to learn some Irish!)



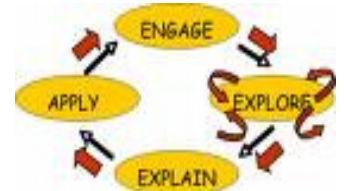
- Pronunciation

One of the biggest problems faced by language-learners, we introduce some techniques for presenting and practising pronunciation (including individual phonemes, sentence stress, word stress, connected speech, intonation and specific problem areas for participants L1s).



- Learner Based Teaching

One of the most effective ways to increase your learners' motivation; discover a multitude of ways to include your learners needs and interests in your lessons.



- Using the Internet

There are many different ways of using the internet in your classroom - find out some of the easiest and quickest ways to prepare your lessons, deliver your lessons and ways for learners to use the internet themselves to enhance their language learning.



- Recent Methodologies

The silent way, suggestopedia, dogme, CLL - just some of the different approaches you can take in your class - here you will see them in action and discuss which ones are appropriate for your classes and your teaching style.



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- Grammar Swap Shop

Everyone has a favourite grammar lesson - share your favourite ideas and techniques for teaching grammar; learn from the collective years of experience in the room.



- Irish Culture Lesson

Collect some authentic Irish materials, organise them into a lesson and share it with your fellow participants. Also, learn some of our own teachers' favourite Irish based lessons and bring home plenty of ideas and materials for your learners.



- Using Music & Song

A great listening tool, songs represent authentic materials that your learners will find both interesting and useful - discover lots of different ways of including songs in your lessons for both fun and learning .



- Teaching Vocabulary

Discover new theories on how lexis is learned and uncover useful activities for the classroom.



- Learner Autonomy

Encouraging your learners to become confident, independent learners makes your job easier and their learning experience more effective.



- Using Film

A great way to engage your learners, and for them to learn at the same time - discover different techniques for including film in your classes, from whole movies to short clips - practice listening, pronunciation, vocabulary development and much more...



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- Skills Swap Shop

Share your favourite skills lessons and learn some of ours; lots of practical ideas to bring home.



- Task Based Learning

Learn about this alternative approach to teaching (using the language to learn not learning the language to use it) by experiencing it for yourselves.



- Using Projects

Another method to increase learner autonomy and incorporate all styles of learning, we discuss projects that have been successful and those that were unsuccessful - decide for yourself if they would work with your classes.



- Using Newspapers

A ready resource with a huge variety of topics to interest your learners, learn ways to include them in your lessons that are appropriate to your learners.



- Role-plays

A great way to include some drama in your classroom - learn lots of role-plays that you can use in your classes.

