

Workshops and Seminars for Language Trainers

Vocabulary: New Words – Old Words – Lots of Words

How to introduce new words, revise and consolidate old words, and how to make your students remember lots of words! The motto is: Learn and teach how to acquire and to remember words.

Icebreakers, Warm-ups, and Fillers

A bonanza full of ideas to tune your students in to the target language after a long day of work! Create a positive and supportive atmosphere in your class while everybody speaks English. Success and joy of learning are guaranteed.

Lesson Planning

Good lesson planning is a vital prerequisite for your and your students' success. Despite the fact that modern textbooks are usually well-structured we need to customise our lessons precisely to our students' needs. Bring along your textbooks, and we will plan some lessons together. Additionally, we will analyse and assess a video lesson, and you will learn how to plan the teaching for a whole course.

The four skills

Speaking, listening, reading and writing are closely linked. This workshop will provide you with lots of hands-on ideas for how to incorporate all four skills in your teaching, and how to connect the skills within a lesson.

Pronunciation

What is good pronunciation? Who are our role models in a global world? How can we teach pronunciation efficiently without making our students feel embarrassed? We will try out a lot of ideas which you can immediately use in your class.

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Intercultural Learning

Intercultural exchange in multinational groups is a fantastic resource of conversational topics. Get your students to practise the target language while sharpening their awareness for tolerance and mutual appreciation – hands-on examples with immediate practical use!

Games – Now Called Activities

Games? That's fun, and so it can't be learning. That's what our students sometimes say. Actually, games are the only activities which fascinate our learners so much that they forget it's hard work what they are doing. This workshop will provide you with a wide variety of games ideas – grammar games, tenses games, vocabulary games, language function games – and some tricks how to convince your students of the efficiency of doing „games“.

Systematic Learning – How to use the European Language Portfolio

The European Language Portfolio is the perfect tool for documenting and evaluating your learning and progress. Learners are able to document their knowledge of languages according to the European Framework levels, and they don't need a certificate for that. It's not only the perfect tool for assessing your ever changing abilities, it also helps students reflect on their learning and improve their knowledge.

Mistakes! Correction and Analysis

To err is human. And it is mistakes which lead to progress and success. Learn how to correct in a supportive way and teach your students how to learn from their mistakes!

Books analysis

Comparative books analysis does not aim at simply looking at one book's advantages and the other book's disadvantages. It will help you decide for the best book for YOUR teaching. AND it will show you the wide variety of material available – books, resource books, free photocopiable material, free downloads, material from the net, media, and so on. Bring along your textbooks!

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How to keep up motivation

Most of our adult learners have some sort of basic motivation for their language training. Find out about a wide variety of strategies for how to keep motivation up – and make your students stick to their course.

Learning strategies

We trainers have extensive knowledge of learning tips and learning strategies. Help your students improve their learning strategies and be more efficient learners!

Learner independence

The autonomous learner is aware of the fact that he is responsible for his own success. How can we train our students to become more autonomous learners and be even more motivated to come to our trainings?

Micro Teaching: A practical Workshop

This is the ideal workshop for everybody who would like to try out teaching in a „safe place“. We will plan short lessons, teach and observe each other, and have a supportive feedback session afterwards. The ideal platform for beginners and experienced trainers who want to learn about their teaching!

Terminology for Language Trainers

Language analysis, pedagogy, andragogy, linguistics – these are just a few subjects which require our knowledge of technical terms. Even if we focus on hands-on use of English and the communicative approach in adult education it is definitely helpful to feel safe with the theory as well. Come along and brush up your terminology!

Evaluation – With and Without Tests

Progress analysis is necessary in our teaching to make our students realise what they have achieved. However, adults do not often feel like doing tests in their voluntary learning. How can we make our learners aware of their progress without putting them under too much pressure?

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Teaching Grammar

Conjugations and declensions. Communicative grammar training vs. gap exercises. This workshop will familiarise you with the wide variety of options in modern grammar practice, and we will analyse which strategies lead to which results.

The Taciturn and the Know-It-All – How to Handle Heterogeneous Groups

We find all sorts of learner types and individuals in our courses. Students differ not only in language levels but also in age, sex, cultural background, just to mention a few. This workshop provides you with strategies for catering to the individual learner in heterogeneous groups, and a wide variety of ideas for how to get your group into a cooperative team of mutually supportive language learners.

Media - How to use modern and traditional media in language learning

The use of modern and traditional media in class, their effects, and what to do if you don't have any media available – these are the topics of our workshop.

Critical Moments – How to Cope With Difficult Moments in Class

We have all had them: a perfectly well planned, didactically resourceful, interesting and relevant lesson, designed with dedication, suddenly goes down the drain. What happened? What went wrong? This hands-on workshop will have a closer look at all our critical moments and support you with tips and strategies for your future teaching. Bring along your worst moments – and you will leave the workshop full of ideas and positive energy, looking forward to teaching your most difficult classes!