



Teacher Training 2015

Empowerment in ICT Skills. Making Use of Technology Tools

1 week /5 Training Days

Target Audience

This course is for educators and other professionals who would like to experience for themselves a variety of software and online tools in order to integrate technology into their Learning Environments, while also brushing up their own use of English. Specialised knowledge is not required except a basic knowledge of using Microsoft Word and using the Internet.

Course summary

This hands-on, practical two week course is aimed at professionals who would like to develop teaching methods to include technology in the classroom, school or other learning environments. A wide range of free available technologies is introduced and worked on during this course.

Preparation

After registration, participants on this course programme will receive:

- a pre-course questionnaire, which will enable trainers to learn about the participants' teaching backgrounds
 - information about the Europass Mobility Certificate
 - a list of software to download and install, to prepare participants for various aspects of the - course
- Information about Malta to prepare teachers for their cultural experience

Objectives

- ✓ To enable better skills in technology and ICT
- ✓ To introduce an awareness of ways of integrating ICT with teaching methodologies, using hands-on & experiential methods
- ✓ To help teachers reflect on their own teaching methods in relation to technology in the classroom today
- ✓ To help participants experience hands-on a range of interesting tools, software and programmes which are available as freeware, & set up
- ✓ activities linking methodology and technology today
- ✓ To further develop participants' own language skills
- ✓ To experience the cultural heritage of Malta with its bilingual linguistic environment

Methodology

This course is taught interactively, with input sessions, collaborative and group project work. Participants are actively involved in all sessions. Input sessions are in the form of hands-on workshops and could involve brainstorming, analysis and at times problem-solving. Sessions help participants set up tools such as Blogs , Wikis & Websites and apply online tools in a scaffolded setting. Participants are asked to reflect on the tools & activities, inviting discussion with regard to their own knowledge & skills, their approach to teaching today's students, and on adaptation of the use of the tools to their teaching & learning situations & contexts. Exchange of participants' ICT and pedagogical knowledge is encouraged through discussion. Participants' own language skills are developed and feedback given where appropriate. Participants are also introduced to appropriate websites related to the further development of their teaching skills & personal professional development.

Follow up

The course ends with an evaluation session, where teachers are asked to reflect upon the value of the knowledge gained on the course and its usefulness to them. They are also encouraged in this session to come up with a Personal Development Action Plan, and select tools & activities which they would like to try out in their own classes or projects.

They are invited to join the ETI Teacher Training Facebook community, which allows networking and contact with the trainers and fellow colleagues, and with participants from other courses. Participants are also encouraged to join communities for the current POOLS Projects, and other ETI-related EU Projects, such as METHODS (Communicative Language Teaching Methods), TOOLS, and CLIL4U.

Monday (day 1)

9:00-10:30 **CMC: Computer Mediated Communication**

11:00-12:30 **Blogs: Uses and their Learning Potential Designing a Blog**

13:00-14:30 **Creating a Blog**

16:00-17:30 **Networking and a discussion panel with teachers from a few different Erasmus+ trainings**

Tuesday (day 2)

9:00-10:30 **Podcasting & Recording/ Preparing Audio for Online use**

11:00-12:30 **Techno Tools: Creating Animated Slideshows**

13:00-14:30 **Downloading & Editing Video Clips & Subtitling as a Task**

16:00-17:30 **Observing English classes**

Wednesday (day 3)

9:00-10:30 **Authoring Tools Creating Online Exercises: Matching, Jumbled Texts, Gap fill, Multiple**

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13:00-14:30 **Project work with the introduced tools**

16:00-19:00 **A guided trip to Valletta, including a multimedia show "Explore Malta" with a discussion panel about introducing history and culture with the use of ICT**

Thursday (day 4)

9:00-10:30 **How to design your own Website**

11:00-12:30 **Creating a Website**

13:00-14:30 **Creating an Avatar**

16:00-17:30 **Observing English classes**

Friday (day 5)

9:00-10:30 **Techno Tools: Recording from your Computer Screen**

11:00-12:30 **Embeddable RSS Feeds & Chat room**

13:00-14:30 **Project work and final presentations of participants**

16:00-17:30 **A certificates ceremony and networking with teachers from a few different Erasmus+ trainings**

Saturday

optional: a full day guided Gozo trip