



Dates for 2012

01 July – 14 July

29 July – 11 August

Fees

For Comenius/Grundtvig applicants €1,920

For all other applicants £1,480

Bringing British Culture to Life

This course description is an overview of the type of content you can expect to cover in this programme. Courses are tailored according to the teaching context of the participants.

Who is this course for?

Teachers of English with a good standard of English (Common European Framework Level C1) who wish to extend their own knowledge of the language and culture and who wish to reflect on the teaching of intercultural awareness.

Course aims

- Explores different aspects of modern British life and culture
- Investigates ways of teaching cross-cultural awareness in the classroom
- Incorporates guided visits to important local sights in Cambridge
- Provides opportunities to build up a portfolio of authentic materials to support the cultural component of your teaching
- Develop exciting teaching ideas on how to use the materials.

Course programme

The course is taught through a series of informal discussions, lectures, seminars and workshops as well as some onsite visits.

Topics typically include:

- Family life
- The city of Cambridge
- The historic university and its life
- Youth culture
- Multi-cultural Britain
- The arts, including a visit to some Cambridge museums
- Cambridge in literature
- Pubs – a look at everyday life
- From Reggae to Radiohead – the contemporary music scene
- The changing language
- Cross cultural awareness in the classroom
- The education system
- Exploiting materials to teach culture
- The British Media
- British Institutions
- British humour
- Eccentric Britain
- Teaching culture

Bell Teacher Campus



This course will take place at Bell Teacher Campus in Cambridge, based at Homerton College which is part of the University of Cambridge. Homerton College is an outstandingly beautiful college in secluded wooded grounds with easy access to Cambridge town centre. It has first-class learning and social facilities. Half-board accommodation is available in single en-suite rooms on site. The training staff at Bell Teacher Campus are all highly qualified, many of whom are materials writers and conference speakers. Afternoons entail a conference style approach with participants able to join an interesting variety of workshops, cultural talks and a special lecture each week from a prominent speaker.

Sample timetable – week 1

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.30	Exploring the concept of inter-cultural competence	Multi-cultural Britain	Analysing the British media - TV/radio and newspapers	A visit to the Fitzwilliam museum	Mini-presentations: Project groups share their findings and discuss ways of using data in the classroom
COFFEE					
11.00 – 12.30	The city as a teaching and learning resource	Project Group: forming groups, identifying area of interest and devising questionnaires	Cambridge and its history	A visit to the Fitzwilliam museum	Youth Culture in Britain – how does it compare with your own country?
LUNCH					
14.00 – 15.30	Exploiting texts with a cultural content	** Campus Conference	X Key Lecture	** Campus Conference	Special Teacher's Excursion
15.30	Optional talks, cultural activities, social programme or study time				

** Campus Conference - choose from a range of workshops and talks on topical issues and/or aspects of British Life and Culture.
X Key Lecture. Talks by well-known plenary speakers and writers.

Sample timetable – week 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.30	A portrait of the British as viewed by themselves	Teenage language	Current issues in English education	Visit: Guided tour of Cambridge museums	Materials presentations
COFFEE					
11.00 – 12.30	Current colloquial and idiomatic language	Exploiting teenage magazine articles	Cross cultural competence Evaluation of published materials and useful websites	Visit: Guided tour of Cambridge museums	Feedback on presentations Course feedback
LUNCH					
14.00 – 15.30	Materials production workshop	** Campus Conference	X Key Lecture	** Campus Conference	Special Teacher's Excursion
15.30	Optional talks, cultural activities, social programme or study time				

Please note that this is a sample timetable. Your trainer will negotiate and agree a timetable specifically designed for your group's needs. Your course is likely to be different from the sample timetable.

Further information

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