



#### Dates for 2012

01 July – 14 July

15 July – 28 July

29 July – 11 August

12 August – 25 August

#### Fees

For Comenius/Grundtvig applicants €1,920

For all other applicants £1,480

## Contemporary English

### Who is this course for?

Experienced teachers with a high standard of English (Common European Framework Level C1), working with adult students.

### Course aims

- To update participants on current trends in the use of contemporary English
- To extend knowledge of idiomatic and colloquial language
- To provide language development and practice
- To present practical ideas and techniques for teaching the topics covered

### Course programme

The course is taught through a series of informal lectures, seminars and workshops.

### Topics typically include:

- How social and cultural changes have affected modern English
- Exploiting authentic materials for learning activities
- Political correctness
- Trends in lexical change and new words
- Language change
- Slang and idioms
- Varieties of English

### 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	Language change and contemporary language usage	Trends in language change	Lexical change and new words	Modern idioms	Some contemporary English literature writers and ideas for exploiting literature
<b>COFFEE</b>					
11.00 – 12.30	Colloquial language	Popular culture and current language	What is taboo?	Adapting materials for learning	Political correctness and gender issues in language
<b>LUNCH</b>					
14.00 – 15.30	Exploiting current authentic materials for learning	** Campus Conference	X Key Lecture	** Campus Conference	Special Teacher's Excursion
15.30	<b>Optional talks, cultural activities, social programme or study time</b>				

\*\* 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	Management new - speak Comedy or reality?	Trends in phonology change  Listening to estuary English	Dumbing down or what?  Contemporary phrasal verbs	Our favourite TV chefs and how they have influenced life	Trends in grammar change What do we accept? What do we reject?
<b>COFFEE</b>					
11.00 – 12.30	Social stereotypes: A satirical view of English society through authentic texts	American English v British English	Contemporary British cinema	Frantic semantics New words, phrases and usage	Up for it? Practise more idioms and get some new teaching ideas
<b>LUNCH</b>					
14.00 – 15.30	Visiting speaker Current issues in English education	** Campus Conference	X Key Lecture	** Campus Conference	Special Teacher's Excursion
15.30	<b>Optional talks, cultural activities, social programme or study time</b>				

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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