Learning in the Digital Age

Study visit in the UK

Course Content and Objectives

This course is aimed at practitioners who want to increase their English language competence and teaching skills, alongside the effective use of interactive whiteboards and other digital technologies in an educational context.

All participants will:

- Have the opportunity to try different types of classroom technologies

- Look at current practice in education as regards the use of interactive technologies

- Consider the benefits of using technology for improving communication and collaboration

- Explore how to increase student involvement in the lesson

- Be encouraged to share and develop teaching materials and ideas

- Visit at least two schools and observe the use of technologies

- Create at least one resource that can be used in a lesson

- Share resources that have been created by other practitioners

- Plan for personal and whole school development using technologies

The full course will be coordinated by Language Networks for Excellence (LNfE) at the University of Wolverhampton.

Planed activities:

- English language and culture session with a focus on media and technology
- Workshop sessions:
    - Classroom management and interactive technologies
    - A closer look at examples of best practice across Europe
    - Developing digital skills and creating new teaching resources
    - Teaching at primary schools using online tools and new technologies
    - School development using ideas gained during the week
    - Evaluation of available resources – including a focus on free materials
- Two visits to local schools – to include lesson observation and opportunity to see technology
- Field-class with elements of mobile education
- Discussion and activity session with participation of University trainee teachers
- Guided tour of Lichfield City
- Evaluation of the visit overall

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