

Erasmus +

Course Information

Title of the Training Activity in the language of Tuition :

The Interactive Whiteboard (IWB) in the English Language Classroom

(1 week course for Teachers of English needing to update their technical skills in the classroom)

Session Times:	9.00 - 10.30
	11.00 - 12.30
	13.00 - 14.30

Preparation: On enrolment a pre-course pack will be sent to all participants. This will include a questionnaire to establish the needs, basic computer literacy, teaching experience and situation, software used (if any) and level of English of the participants. In this way the course provider will be able to cater more precisely for specific requirements. Participants are required to bring their own lap top (not notebook) with them

On arrival the participants will be given a folder with:-

- > useful information on Malta and its culture
- > a map showing the exact location of the school
- contact numbers in case of an emergency
- > detailed accommodation information
- > Europass Mobility Certificate Application information
- > a student card which can be used at a variety of outlets
- > a full course timetable with details

Objectives: This course is aimed at developing and improving the methodological and pedagogical IT skills of non-native teachers of English. All sessions are in English and presented on interactive whiteboards and are made:-

- to enable the understanding of IWB methodology and pedagogy so that teachers may incorporate and use the IWB interactively in language teaching
- > to enhance the learning experiences for students
- to be able to use the main functions of the Hitachi Starboard (IWB) and to learn appropriate StarBoard software skills
- to improve the participants' English teaching terminology
- to be able to use the IWB for the teaching of the English language skills: speaking & listening, reading & writing, grammar & vocabulary
- to give the teacher the opportunity to begin building some of their own IWB lesson resources, using the StarBoard Software, over seen and assisted by the Hitachi Teacher Trainer.

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Skills to be covered:

- Understanding the whiteboard hardware and calibration
- Introduction to Interactive pedagogy
- Customizing the screen layout
- Typing, changing font, size and colour
- Normal Pen, Intellipen, Pointer Pen and Text Pen functions
- Object and shape properties
- Adding pages and managing the flipchart
- Customizing, managing and saving toolbar profiles.
- Using online search capabilities
- Splitting text by line and word
- Infinite cloning.
- Designing sorting tables
- Screen capture
- Inserting audio, video and flash file hyperlinks

Methodology:

The IWB (Interactive Whiteboard) is the new frontier in English language teaching. The IWB revolution is now sweeping into English language classrooms, but many teachers are still unsure and afraid of the multi-sensory potential of the IWB or simply lack sufficient IWB skills training.

This course covers IWB methodology and pedagogy through a combination of lectures and practical work-shop sessions using the Hitachi StarBoard software and IWB. We take a look at how to incorporate the IWB technology in combination with task based language teaching (TBLT) to create student centred lessons which will motivate and stimulate your students' learning skills.

Whether you are a complete beginner or have limited experience on the IWB, this course will enable you to resource and prepare multi-sensory lesson ideas and unleash the IWB potential in teaching English. Also, it gives you the opportunity to have practical skills training on the Hitachi StarBoard given by qualified Hitachi StarBoard Teacher Trainers.

Follow up:

On the final day all participants will be asked to present and share the resources they have created and give feedback as to how these resources can be applied to their own teaching situation. Open discussion within the group and Trainer feedback will be given accordingly.

Participants will be asked to fill in an end-of-course questionnaire, which not only allows them to comment on the course just completed, but also allows them to reflect on what they have learnt and how they plan to integrate these ideas into their own teaching environment. On-line support with other participants will also be available for continuing reflection and self-improvement

Included in the course fees:

- course and accommodation
- registration fee
- > a certificate of attendance
- course materials including software
- free wifi and internet access
- > 1 half day tour

PROGRAMME

WEEK 1

Monday	
9.00 - 10.30	Registration. Welcome and introduction to Malta. A short introduction to the course.
11.00 - 12.30	Introducing the StarBoard (IWB) and StarBoard Software
13.00 - 14.30	Creating speaking resources
Afternoon	Optional activities
Tuesday	
9.00 - 10.30	Creating vocabulary resources
11.00 – 12.30	Creating grammar resources
13.00 - 14.30	Teacher practise and preparation of lesson resources
Afternoon	Optional activities
Wednesday	
9.00 - 10.30	Creating reading resources
11.00 - 12.30	Creating writing resources
13.00 - 14.30	Teacher practise and preparation of lesson resources
Afternoon	Half day activity (included)
Thursday	
9.00 - 10.30	Creating listening and video resources
11.00 - 12.30	Online interactive teaching resources
13.00 - 14.30	Teacher practise and preparation of lesson resources
Afternoon	Optional activities
Friday	
9.00 - 10.30	Teacher presentation and demonstration of Flipcharts - 1
11.00 - 12.30	Teacher presentation and demonstration of Flipcharts - 2
13.00 - 14.30	Reflection and evaluation. Certificates and course closure.
Afternoon	Optional activities