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Brit Lit: Literature for the Language Classroom: Writing classroom materials based on contemporary literature

Course Dates: 18 – 29 August 2008

Who is the course for? The course aims to train experienced teachers in techniques for exploiting and developing materials for the classroom derived from contemporary British literature, in the form of poetry and short stories.

The materials produced will be modelled on techniques developed as a result of the BritLit project (British Council / APPI / NILE).

What are the course objectives?

- To explore a range of strategies for developing teaching and learning materials, though principally through communicative teaching methodology
- To integrate aspects of Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL).
- To develop teacher training techniques with a view to disseminating the materials produced.

What content areas will the course address?

The central core of the course will be a project or projects based on a contemporary literary text or series of texts, around which a comprehensive teaching resource kit will be produced and later disseminated. The creation of materials for the course will extend beyond the two weeks of the course itself and become an extended project of up to six months' duration for the final production of the resources. The means of continued collaboration will be through a closed web-based community with on-line editorial input from course tutors.

What will participants achieve during the course?

The results of the course in the form of classroom-ready materials will be made available as downloadable resources for use by teachers worldwide.

The course will give a multi-national group the opportunity to share experiences both before and after the 2 weeks at NILE in the UK and allow for continued collaboration within the European community and beyond.