

MEDIATION IN THE LANGUAGE CLASSROOM

Course dates

4 July – 10 July

Course fees

€770

Course location

University of Limerick

Target audience

Those teaching intermediate students and above from lower secondary age groups and above (levels B1 and above). This course is NOT really suitable for Primary School teachers unless their learners are higher level than usual, like e.g. MYP. You will need an advanced level of English (C1)

Course summary

This is a methodology course which also includes a substantial English language improvement element.

This course will open your eyes to how to implement mediation (as defined by CEFR) into English classes. Mediation is a relatively new concept in ELT and a new territory to be explored.

The course offers a wide range of exciting areas to explore with students. It will provide you with activities and strategies to improve both your own and your students' mediation skills in English and generally in contacts with people.

This course also provides a large amount of English practice throughout.



Course content

How to create a powerful, motivated, cohesive study group

How to introduce mediation gradually

Mediating content

Mediating cognition

Mediating between languages

Using elements of translation

Mediating points of view

Conflict resolution

Using elements of drama

Using authentic materials

Designing own activities

The role of culture and awareness of different cultures

Assessing mediation

Beyond the language classroom



Sample Programme

Please note this is an example of a daily programme. Course content may often be usefully adapted to incorporate the needs of each group member.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-10.30	Introductions and group bonding. Icebreakers and group formation	Mediating content	Mediating between languages	Assessing mediation	Presentations and feedback
11.00-12.30	Needs analysis and goal setting	Mediating cognition	Using elements of translation	Using authentic materials	The role of culture and awareness of different cultures
14.00-15.30	Introducing mediation gradually	Grading down language and stepping it up	Mediating points of view and conflict resolution	Designing own activities	Beyond the language classroom. Review and feedback

Recommended reading

<https://rm.coe.int/cefr-companion-volume-with-new-descriptors-2018/1680787989>

Type of certification awarded

Attendance certificate detailing topics covered, course content and the number of training hours.



Is this the right course for me?

Yes if you wish to incorporate mediation techniques more successfully into your communication

Yes if you wish to teach your students how to successfully mediate in a range of interactions

Yes, if you wish to gain a greater understanding of a new area of development in language teaching

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