Course: Creativity in Teaching and Learning using ICT: The Digital Classroom

The course is designed to help teachers to start using Web 2.0 technologies in everyday classroom in a practical and realistic way. This course is intended for anyone with a desire to increase their proficiency in bringing technology into the classroom. The course content is not limited to teachers of a specific subject. On the contrary it is open to teachers of all subjects and levels. The aim of the course is to enable participants to use ICT tools through Web **2.0, Social Networking**, **Blogging, Edmodo** from a didactical perspective and enhancing language interdisciplinary inquiry through a Digital Classroom.

Preparation

Before the training, selected participants will be invited to fill in a questionnaire in which they can present their respective views on the training. Prior to the start of the course, participants will receive recommended reading and course material and tutorials relevant to the course contents. They will also receive practical information for the course and a Guide about Alcalá de Henares and other places to visit.

Objectives

- Provide teachers with practical ideas for how they can incorporate technology into their existing lessons.
- Providing general information about ICT within various classes
- Defining ICT usage in education with its benefits, provide teachers with practical ideas for how they can incorporate technology into their existing lessons.
- Familiarize teachers with current Web 2.0 and Internet trends
- Giving a space for exchange of experiences and good practices among people coming from different countries who work in the same field
- Higher motivation to remain on task by working in small groups;
- Developing actively and constructively students' involvement in the work at class;
- Encouraging students to take the ownership of their own learning;
- Improving teamwork skills through the use of ICT;
- Exchanging experiences in cooperative and collaborative learning process as long as in creativity and innovation;
- Sharing of best practice in teaching and learning, using ICT.

Our course enables teachers to become confident and competent enough to create a digital classroom through the use of Web 2.0 through Blog and Edmodo

Methodology

Course work will contain a mix of theoretical and practical knowledge. Participants will be given the theoretical information that they need to effectively create and their own learning practice in order to incorporate Blogs and Edmodo in their lessons. Using this theoretical knowledge, they will then complete several practical tasks designed to create a digital classroom.

Follow up Cervantes Training will send more materials to participants after the course to guide the implementation of course contents into their institutions. We will be available for consults via email to clarify doubts and offer advice after the course.

490 Euros*- 490 Euros- Course Price includes: Registration Fees and tuition for the course - 7 days-**,** Course Material- before and after the course, dossier with information material about Alcalá de Henares, City Guided Tour and entrance to The Cervantes Birthplace Museum, Certificate of Attendance with learning outcomes and Europass (Europass is issued upon request).
Each participant needs to bring his own laptop. We don't provide computers.

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Programme

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Place: Alcalá de Henares- Madrid- Spain

Day 1: Arrival (evening)

Welcome- Registration and Hand-out of Material- Course Overview- Ice breaking- Tapas in Alcalá-

Day 2: Getting to know each other-Sociocultural activity

Alcalá de Henares Guided Tour: World Heritage Site and Birthplace of Miguel de Cervantes and his Don Quixote "In the footsteps of Cervantes"- Entrance to The Cervantes Birthplace Museum.

Day 3: - Education in the 21st Century: A fundamental shift in the way we communicate

Introduction to Web 2.0. Changing Education with Web 2.0 Tools. Social media in education. Education in the 21st Century:

- Using Blogs in the Classroom:
The educational benefits and practical implementation strategies
Blogging in Education.
How to write an effective blog
Advantages of using a blog for teaching
Looking at different "schools" blogs and how to use them in classroom

- Using Edmodo in the Classroom:
What is it Edmodo.What Can Edmodo Do for Teachers and for Students?
The Social Learning Network for the Classroom
Ways to Use Edmodo
 Looking at some different wikis and how to use them in classroom

Day 4: Weebly and How to create a blog using the Blogger platform

Weebly: as a Website and a Blog
How to design your own blog
How to organize the elements in your blog
How to add other elements to our blog
Activities for blog in classroom
Practical simulations

Day 5: Twitter and How to use Edmodo

Twitter for Teachers
How to use Edmodo in classroom
Activities for Edmodo in Education
Practical simulations

Day 6: Recap of Social Networks in the digital classroom

 Revision and time for practical simulations (blog and Edmodo)
 Open discussion to clarify doubts, answer queries and assist participants

Day 7: Project Presentations

Project presentations
Course Evaluation
Certificates
Farewell

Please, do not forget to bring the materials we sent you prior to the course for the practical activities. Once the course finishes, all participants will be sent more materials and tutorials to implement course contents into their institutions.