

Language Learning and Video Production

A course for language teachers from Europe!

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What is the course about?

A warm welcome to our language and media course! The main idea is to bring video production as a pedagogical tool into the area of language teaching. We will introduce you to the basics of video production and how these can be linked to the language classroom. Our main vision is that the learners themselves become producers and through the use of new technologies become motivated to learn and engage with languages. At the same time the goal is to help learners to engage critically with the media in order to develop a media competence for mastering the modern world better.

The course is based on past experience and projects in the areas of media education (such as www.mediaeducation.net) and the use of video for language awareness (www.speechbubbles.net) as well as our new language video project "DIVIS" where we will develop teaching material for using video in the language classroom (www.divisproject.eu).

What does the programme look like?

You will be confronted with a wide range of experiences in the course week: planning a video exercise, getting familiar with digital video recording (using stills and video cameras), editing (starting with Windows Moviemaker and progressing to Adobe Premiere Elements), sharing ideas of what participants and instructors have done in the past and developing ideas together how video production can be implemented into your own teaching context.

The course is not primarily a technical training course, it is more about *ideas* for implementing media education. You don't need experience in video production but you should have some basic computer skills.

Each day of the course will have a specific focus and you will spend most of the time working in small teams where you will experience video production and evaluation for yourself. The tasks will be recorded in Berlin - in the tourists centres of Berlin as well as in one of the inner-city neighbourhoods where we will engage with the local immigrant languages.

The final programme is adopted once we have received the feedback from the prospective participants to make sure that we meet your needs. A rough programme could look something like this:

- Monday:* Introduction session, "Signs in the city", working with still images, welcome meal
- Tuesday:* "Staging languages" – short drama exercises recorded with the video camera, short screening session to exchange practice
- Wednesday:* Task "Inner-City Words", recording on location, editing, evaluation; screening evening
- Thursday:* "Moving letters", simple animation technique, joint excursion
- Friday:* Ideas for networking and developing projects together, evaluation of the week, joint dinner in the evening

What are the conditions for joining the course?

You need to teach languages (foreign languages or mother language) in either a primary, secondary, vocational or technical school across Europe and need to have an interest in expanding your teaching practice with new ideas and methodologies! It is important that you are open to work in a team with others (who can quite possibly have very different ideas from your own!).

Are you interested to join us?

Get in touch with us and check out the official description form on our course web pages: <http://course.mediaeducation.net> You will find general information about the course and already fulfilled quotas for certain European countries later on in the application process – don't leave your application to the last minute.

You need to contact your National Socrates / LLP Agency to get the application form and further information about the application procedure and the funding situation. We ourselves don't accept any applications, everything needs to go via the agencies. Click below for the list of National Agencies in Europe:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/socrates/nat-est_en.html#befr

Check out examples from the last video language course on youtube:

http://de.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=85121C191EB79BB4

(the photos on the first page are from last year's language and media course)

Please note that German applicants are not allowed to join according to the rules of the programme.

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