

## **Accredited ESOL Tutor Training Course September – December 2010**

The PDA ITESOL (Professional Development Award: Introduction to Tutoring English for Speakers of Other Languages) is a new first-stage national qualification. The awarding body is the SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority). The award is aimed at new ESOL tutors, volunteers and tutor assistants and sits at Level 6 on the Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework (SCQF).

The WEA will run a course leading to this award. It will provide candidates with the basic necessary skills and knowledge to allow them to successfully negotiate and deliver ESOL in a supported context. As well as introducing key terminology, it will provide opportunities to explore the nature of language learning from the learner's perspective.

The PDA ITESOL consists of two units:

Unit 1 – Language and Learning in ESOL

- factors affecting ESOL learning
- lexical, grammatical and phonological features of the English language
- language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing)
- factors affecting language selection in ESOL tutoring

Unit 2 – Developing ESOL Tutoring Skills

- strategies for managing an effective learning environment
- planning ESOL tutoring sessions
- selecting appropriate learning resources and design appropriate tasks
- planning and delivery of ESOL tutoring sessions

Delivery will include input sessions from Gillian Scott, Shona Radojkovic and Melanie Danet, all experienced ESOL practitioners. There will be extensive use of discussion and reflection on candidates' own experiences of learning. Candidates will be expected to contribute to group discussions and work in small groups/pairs on tasks which will give insights into and understanding of issues in ESOL.

Candidates will be assessed by means of written accounts and closed-book assessments for unit 1 and a portfolio for unit 2. In order to complete the outcomes in unit 2 each candidate will work with his/her own ESOL learner(s), supported by one of the trainers. Please note that the course requires full commitment and participants must be able to attend all sessions. There are likely to be a number of tasks each week for completion at home.

Further information about the award can be obtained from the SQA website <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/34430.html> 'PDA in Introduction to Tutoring ESOL at SCQF level 6 Arrangements Document'

### **Dates & Times**

Fridays from 03/09/10 to 10/12/10 (except the following dates: 15/10/10, 22/10/10 and 19/11/10)

Morning sessions: 09:30 – 12:45                      Afternoon sessions: 13:30 – 16:30

### **\*Venue**

Highland Homeless Trust

David Whyte House  
57 Church Street  
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*\* The training room is down a short flight of stairs. If any applicant has access issues, please contact Gillian as soon as possible.*

### **Criteria for selection**

Places will be limited to 12. Priority will be given to those already working with (an) ESOL learner(s) or about to work with a learner. All candidates should have an excellent command of oral and written English. Candidates whose first language is not English should have English language competence at ESOL Higher level or equivalent. All candidates should have basic ICT skills.

### **Cost**

The course is free to participants and funded through the European Social Fund/Highland Council.

Tea/coffee will be provided in the mornings and afternoons.

Lunch can be purchased in nearby cafes/shops.

Please note that the WEA are unable to reimburse any travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses.

### **Contact details**

If you are interested in enrolling on the course, please complete the application form and return it by email to Gillian Scott, ESOL Tutor Training Coordinator:

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