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Key Findings



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ESOL Citizenship Learning Materials

Abstract

NIACE and LLU+ at London South Bank University were asked by the DfES and Home Office to produce a scoping paper to set out a proposed scheme of work for ESOL citizenship. A pack of citizenship learning materials for ESOL learners was produced with examples of materials for learners working towards E1, E2 and E3 and suggestions on how teachers could adapt the materials to suit particular learners. The learning materials pack was piloted with 18 ESOL providers to trial the learning materials in a range of settings and obtain feedback from learners and practitioners. A national training programme was developed and delivered in the nine government office regions. Over 900 ESOL teachers attended one-day familiarisation workshops. An additional event was held in Scotland.

Research methodology:

- ❖ Trials of materials in 18 ESOL providers from different sectors following 1 day familiarisation training.
- ❖ Materials developed and evaluated by practitioners working with consultants who supported them.
- ❖ Evaluation tools designed to capture different data from learners, teachers, consultants and managers.
- ❖ Consultation through practitioner workshops.
- ❖ Consultation with key national agencies.

Key Findings

The main conclusions of the project are:

- ❖ High level of satisfaction with the materials was reported with some suggestions for more speaking and listening, active learning and more materials at Entry level 1.

Recommendations

- ❖ Training for both teachers and managers should be offered.
- ❖ A website with materials should be developed.
- ❖ The CD should be developed to be more user-friendly.
- ❖ More audiotapes, scripts, graphics and photographs should be used.
- ❖ Training should make it clear that the aim of the materials is to develop language.
- ❖ Management of ESOL should recognise the time required to adapt the materials to local, relevant and accessible situations.

Output

- ❖ Materials Pack (2005) *Citizenship Materials for ESOL Learners* (materials pack and CD ROM).
- ❖ Website: www.esolcitizenship.org.uk

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