

# ***NET-BASED COMMUNICATION TOOLS FOR THE EL CLASSROOM***

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The ability to communicate is one of the most valuable skills at our disposal. Technology has offered the means in which we can stay connected anytime, anywhere as the choices of communications tools are growing rapidly. This course explores the use of blogs and wikis for writing, creating dialogue, and most importantly - sharing knowledge. Teachers will learn to develop collaborative learning environments with their students in an online writing space designed to communicate in authentic situations. These net-based communication tools allow teachers and students to create thoughtful, cogent writings and offer an excellent interactive experience in the language classroom.

## ***Objectives***

At the end of the course, the participants would have:

- explored the range of resources and communication tools available on the Internet
- distinguished each communication tool and its purpose in language learning
- designed a collaborative writing project using the resources and communication tools
- developed evaluation rubrics for the projects

## ***Content***

The content of the course will be as follows:

- Utilise effective search strategies to obtain multimedia resources from the Internet.
- Explore the Internet as a communication tool
- Identify the characteristics of the tools to match with the language tasks
- Design a writing project based on an exemplar
- Formulate evaluation rubrics

## ***Duration***

4 days (22 hours)

## ***Modes of Delivery***

The course will be carried out through a series of workshops with hands-on practice, interactive communication through the Internet and presentation of projects.

## ***Participants***

This course is intended for both primary and secondary English Language teachers.