

# From Catching-up to Cutting Edge: Blogs, Podcasts and Web 2.0 for MFL teachers

Delegates will learn how blogs, podcasts and even social networking can boost students' language-learning. Each delegate will create a blog and learn how to embed content in it, including videos, sound files, cartoons and interactive games. Podcasting will be demystified and easy ways of recording and sharing sound will be explained and demonstrated. Delegates will learn how to use some of the best websites for creating language-learning activities as well as exploring ready-made content.

There will also be an opportunity to plan your ongoing CPD by subscribing to helpful blogs and sites as well as learning how to share effectively with your colleagues. This is a "Hands-On" course and delegates can expect to develop practical skills by using the software on the day.

## The aims of this course are to:

- Understand the potential of Web 2.0 and how it can be harnessed for language teaching
- Establish a blog and understand how to use it to practice all four skills, as well as using it for AfL, as a resource-base and to build community
- Know how to make and distribute podcasts easily and gain inspiration into how you and your pupils might use them
- Get top tips on effective websites, as well as on gathering, organising and sharing resources

## Programme

- 9:30 **Arrival, registration and coffee**  
10:00 **Welcome & introduction**  
**Blogging for beginners**
- MFL blogs and the variety of ways in which they can be used
  - Hands-on session - posting text and images to their blog, moderating comments, embedding cartoons, activities, videos and documents from other websites onto the blog
  - Safe internet-use; inspiration for blogging on the move from trips abroad
- 11:15 **Coffee**  
11:30 **How to author interactive vocabulary-learning games and structural-awareness activities on free, easy-to-use websites**  
An opportunity to explore some of the best ready-made material
- 12:45 **Restaurant Lunch**  
1:45 **Podcasting potential**
- How to use the free podcasting software, Audacity, as well as other short-cut routes to podcasting; Ready-made podcasts on iTunes
  - Making a talking, animated character and embedding it in a blog - how this technology can be exploited in class

- Getting students to practise their speaking need never be difficult again!

### Linked-up Learning

- How using the net can make organising and sharing resources quick and easy
- How to use social bookmarking and networking to your advantage
- Where next? the near future of language teaching and a consideration of how you can use mobiles and games consoles as teaching and learning tools

### 3:45 Evaluation and close of course

**Please note:** Delegates must have basic competence with ICT and be confident with word-processing. Delegates will need to bring a Wi-fi enabled laptop to the course and be familiar with how to go online. Details of the podcasting software to be downloaded will be sent to delegates prior to the course.



## Who should attend?

Teachers of MFL, both Primary & Secondary, who would like to exploit the Web 2.0 boom to motivate and enthuse their students.

*Extremely useful!  
Love the fact that I  
now have a running  
blog for my  
department! Thank  
you!*

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## About the tutor



**Gail Haythorne** is currently a teacher of French & German and a Senior Teacher in charge of Professional Development at a school in Surrey, having held the post of Head of Department for eight years.

In addition to teaching Gail also delivers highly popular national training courses on ICT and on various aspects of MFL. Gail's priorities in teaching and training are enjoyment - for both teacher and student - and encouraging students.

## Booking form

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