ENGLISH SPEAKING SKILLS SHORT COURSE

Learning objectives:
During the lessons, learners develop their autonomy and self-confidence when speaking English. They increase their flexibility and fluency through conversation in a variety of communicative settings. After the lessons, learners reflect on their performance during class and focus on the strategies they need in order to develop their linguistic skills further.

Specific course objectives:
Develop the ability to choose the correct word or phrase in a given situation.
Improve fluency.
Improve accuracy in use of English.
Improve pronunciation.
Reflect during and after task-based activities to build flexibility and communicative ability and increase the student's level of 'resilience'.
Practice 'noticing' language. Noticing is the ability to recognise points of grammar, lexis or language use in order to extend linguistic knowledge and remedy learnt errors.

Requirements:
To enrol in the course, students should:
- have completed and passed a CLA level B2b course no more than 12 months prior to the sign-up date, or
- complete the CLA placement test with a C1a level (the test is valid for 6 months), or
- present an international B2 certification when signing up for the course (check which qualifications are accepted on the "Certificates - Do you have a certificate?" page of the CLA website), or
- have passed a departmental or faculty exam organised by CLA at minimum B2 level.

Lesson contents:
Climate change
Education
Freedom of speech
Technology
Inventions and creativity
Art and inclusivity
Teaching method:

The Speaking Skills course uses task-based learning and focuses on the grammar and language points that emerge during the course of a lesson. Rather than following a grammar-based approach, lessons focus on topics and linguistic functions. The tasks are designed to facilitate communication in a wide range of situations. There are six themes (one per lesson). Students work individually, in pairs and in groups.

How learning is assessed:

The course consists of six lessons. The course is not formally assessed as it serves to offer an opportunity to practice and develop speaking skills in English.

Course books or reference books:

Specific materials are provided for each lesson.