

English for T&L

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18 - 20 May 2010. The English for Teaching and Learning (T&L) course for academic staff had participants walking in the class voluntarily rather than being skeptical about participating in the course. All participants representing their groups modeled their 'masks' which were symbolic of themselves.

English for Teaching and Learning not only focused on the use of English as a medium of instruction but emphasised on how to make lessons in their class fun and interactive. Activities were introduced to give lecturers the experience of being in the shoes of a student again. On the final day they applied what they had learnt in a Mock Teaching session.



The participants during the T&L course.

The three day course managed to pull in a crowd of 37 participants. The course was based on the English for Professional Development of Educators (EPDE) module. The trainers and facilitators were Azwin Arif Abdul Rahim, Balan Kunjambu, Ezihaslinda Ngah, Noor Azlinda Zainal Abidin, Nor Yazid Khamis, Nor Ashikin Abd Aziz, Suriya Kumar Sinnadurai, Wan Jumani Fauzi and Zailin Shah Yusoff. In addition, among the topics covered were Delivery Skills, Instructional Language, Questioning Techniques, Teaching Creatively, Technology Assisted Learning, Lesson Planning and Micro Teaching.

One participant who has attended an earlier course on the same topic remarked that she found this course to be far better and useful due to the comprehensive structure of the course. In general, many participants were very happy with the new knowledge and skills attained in the workshop that will definitely enable them to teach effectively.



Wan Jumani was giving some inputs amidst one of the sessions