

BALEAP Testing Officer Report (April 2019)

The workshops are intended to encourage participants to adopt a critical approach to language testing and to adopt the view that tests must be as good and effective as possible. A further aim is that participants will also get some new ideas for creating teaching as well as testing materials during these events. Finally, of course, the workshops provide a great opportunity for networking and/or arranging future mutual trialling of test materials etc.

BALEAP Language Testing Workshops

Below are the listed the workshops which have been held since April 2017 with the exception of the initial event at Bristol. The workshop at Portsmouth was specifically for Portsmouth staff and MA students and focused exclusively on reading for teaching and testing purposes. The other workshops have had a more general focus on analysing and revising existing tests, item writing, creating c-tests, using lexical frequency software, creating specifications, and making use of basic statistics during post-test processing. What can be covered depends very much on the time available. Some of the events listed below have be allocated 3 or 4 hours, others have been whole day programmes.

- **University of Leeds (April 2019)**
- **Université du Luxembourg: (17 November 2018)**
- **University of Coventry: (23 June 2018)**
- **Glasgow University: (30 May 2018)**
- **University of Portsmouth (8 February 2018)**
- **University of Newcastle: (8 December 2017)**
- **University of Kent: (16 June 2017)**
- **University of Bristol BALEAP Biennial Conference (April 2017)**
- **Universities of Bristol & Bath: (17 January 2017)**

Two further workshops have been organised for June 4th and 5th 2019 at **University College Dublin (UCD) (organised by Trinity College Dublin) and Cork University**. These workshops together with that at Leeds have new materials to ensure that participants who wish to attend more than one workshop will not be experiencing the same materials on each occasion.

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