

What's UP?

Workshops in English at the University of Potsdam
– June 2015

Writing a crime story, shooting a film or speaking up for your rights – in English!

In June 2015, we at the TEFL department of the University of Potsdam (UP) are offering several workshops for pupils.

The workshops are designed by university students and will give pupils the chance to work together in projects with pupils from other schools – they will create stories, video comments or short films and use various media to do so.

Working together cooperatively and creatively will not only improve their communicative competence, but can also help to increase their motivation to speak and write in English.



Workshops offered:

speakUP – talkUP – standUP!

This workshop will give you a voice. By using various kinds of new and old media (e.g. videoblog, podcast, simulation, puppetry, ...) we want you to talkUP a topic of your interest.

You will produce an amazing piece of entertainment in which everyone will get a voice. So be our guest and speakUP.

crime time – writeUP your own crime stories!

Have you ever read or watched a crime story or murder mystery which gripped you right from the start? In this workshop you will become a crime fiction writer yourself: You will learn what makes a good crime story, create your own story world, design your characters and develop a photo story, a mini-saga, a short story or a film script. Think of a storyline, grab a pen or camera and let your talent do the rest!

make it short! – shootUP a short film!

In this workshop you will step into the shoes of a film producer, an actor or actress, a script writer, a camera man or woman or any other person involved in producing a film. You will learn the basics of script writing, filming, cutting and producing a short film about a story which is only limited by your own imagination and creativity. Be inspired and be inspiring!

Every school class will be divided into three equal groups. Each group will then be mixed with pupils from another school and they will work together on one of the workshop topics.

WHO is our target group?

We offer our workshops for 9th and 10th grade pupils from schools in and around Potsdam.

WHEN and WHERE will the workshops take place?

The dates for our workshops at the University of Potsdam are:

Tuesday, 16th June 2015, 9am – 3pm

Wednesday, 17th June 2015, 9am – 3pm

Wednesday, 24th June 2015, 9am – 3pm

HOW can you register for the workshops?

If you and your English class would like to participate, we need your registration by 20th March 2015. Please include information about school (name, address, type of school), grade, number of pupils, your name (and email address) and send the registration form to susanne.gnaedig@uni-potsdam.de

WHO can give you additional information?

If you have any questions about the workshops or the day at UP, please contact Susanne Gnädig (susanne.gnaedig@uni-potsdam.de).