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## European integration through cultural and linguistic mediation in the EOI of Castelló

A fun, enriching, intellectual, inclusive experience and why not, with a certain activist touch... These are some of the adjectives with which we could define our stay at the Norwich Institute for Language Education, founded by Dave Alan in 1995.



At all times, the different varieties of the language have been valued, along with the attitude towards literature and art according to the origin of the people. The linguistic and cultural legacy of the most disadvantaged groups has always been highlighted along with their contribution to language, history and English literature. We have mainly acquired knowledge of cultural aspects at various levels - society, literature, music... - which allows us to have a more tolerant and receptive vision of the variety of cultures that can make up such a broad community like the one existing in the United Kingdom, or in any other country. The course has constantly given visibility to other accents and varieties of English, to different ways of expressing themselves in life and literature, to the historical journey of the suffering of the outcasts throughout the centuries, and how those people continue to fight for equality in all areas.



Linguistic and methodological knowledge has also been acquired, which allows us to look at the students' assessment, and therefore evaluation, in a more global and comprehensive way, highlighting especially the importance of communication skills, even with slight errors, which do not necessarily prevent the transmission of a clear message.

Debate and participation have been elements present at all times. All attendees have done their bit, something that goes hand in hand with the content of the course, since it has given us the opportunity to meet very interesting people and completely unknown details of their culture. This has helped us to have access to a very enriching course, not only for its content but also for its participants, coming from different countries of the European Union, each one with their particular vision of life, of language, of humor, but all of us with something in common ... our love and curiosity for the language and our desire to learn through the exchange of knowledge and experiences.

In short, we can affirm that our expectations have been more than fulfilled, and we take the opportunity to make a call from here, so that despite Brexit it might be possible to continue including this Norwich-based institution in our European programmes.

