

A transition to Language Coach

Interview with Nataliia Som, Language Teacher, Ukraine

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Can you describe your professional career before taking the language coaching certification (LCC)?

Well, I've been teaching for more than 12 years already, I started my teaching career by teaching at the University and I was working with Arabic and English. After that I tried myself at school and in the kindergarten where my son studied and last year I started to be teacher trainer in the Teachers' Upgrade project, trying to boost teaching techniques that young teachers have. And I continue working at school as well as being a part of a the big ESL teachers team at Savvy Education Service Company.

How did you find the course?

I set the goal and reached it. It was even more interesting than I had imagined before. It was rather challenging but really very practical, powerful and resourceful.



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Which highlights or insights did you gain from the LCC?

Every lecture was an insight, really. The main thing is: never stop asking questions and listening to the answers. Only good questions receive powerful answers.

What was the immediate impact on your way of teaching after taking the course?

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Were there any impacts on your personal life during or after the course?

I started to listen more, I rephrase and make GPS with my son and it helps me not to burst out when I get angry 😊

How would you describe your professional development after the course?

Well, I want to stop being an ordinary teacher and start having sessions instead of the lessons. I am thinking about the further development as a neurolanguage coach.

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How has the course changed the way you deliver a language course?

I ask questions and use active listening, I ask my students what they want and how they want to do this or that and I understand that it works.

Were there any impacts on your learners?

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