A transition to Language Coach

Interview with Petra Navel, Business English Trainer, Germany



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

I had been working for 12 years as a language trainer in the field of Business English when I took the NLC course.

How did you find the course?

The course gave me many new ideas and lightbulb moments on brain-friendly language learning and coaching. I enjoyed practicing and discussing coaching methods with my lovely colleagues.

Which highlights or insights did you gain from the LCC?

I got insights into Neuroscience which was totally new to me. Furthermore insights in working on the clients motivation, grammar breakdowns, active listening and working as the clients sounding board are very valuable to me.

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

My trainings and coaching sessions are inspiring and energizing for my clients and I have the impression that I am more involved in their learning process than before and can also meet their needs and wishes even better.

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

The course gave me the insight that it is never too late to learn new things or even try new things at an older age such as starting a new job. This way of thinking makes life more exciting no matter how old you are.

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How was your professional development after the course?

I have developed a completely new attitude towards helping my students to learn Grammar and noticed the how much they enjoy and improve their language skills. This gives me a deep joy and satisfaction in my job and I realized that I can make a difference from original language teaching to a very efficient and inspiring way of learning a language. Furthermore I identify with my clients and their learning process which means that I can help them reaching their goals.

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

I have the impression that I have a closer relationship to my learners as I can interfere whenever I have the impression that they are blocked when learning the language.
Furthermore I can work out new strategies with them to get around blockages. It energizes and motivates me and my clients to work on their roadmap for reaching their language goals.
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Were there any impacts on your learners?

My clients are grateful and appreciate language learning as an important tool when communicating internationally which can enhance their career prospects. Nevertheless they notice that it gets easier to communicate in a foreign language and to understand their business partners.

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