

UNIPOP Torino

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Level: B2

Time: Friday 7.20 - 8.50 pm

English as a Contact Language: Real-Life Communication

During the course we will talk about:

Social English and conversation

- getting to know people, starting and maintaining conversations, asking follow-up questions, *small talk*, question tags, and strategies for asking for clarification and rephrasing.

Experiences, memories and anecdotes

- Sharing personal experiences and anecdotes, listening and asking questions to find out more, experiences and relationships, expressions for telling stories.

Habits, free time and lifestyles

- Discussing interests, habits and changes, comparing preferences and lifestyles.

Travelling, getting around and unexpected situations

- asking for information, dealing with problems and making polite complaints.

Well-being and personal choices

- Discussing habits, giving advice, considering alternatives and making decisions.

Technology and digital communication

- Discussing digital habits, tools and online communication, evaluating benefits and challenges.

Films, TV series, music and books

- Describing a story, expressing an opinion, making recommendations and giving reasons.

Communicating with international speakers

- Understanding different accents, checking comprehension, clarifying misunderstandings and rephrasing messages , asking someone to repeat or explain something, pronunciation and intonation for intelligibility.

Throughout the course learners will practise and expand their use of phrasal verbs, collocations, idioms and colloquial expressions. Some of the grammar items covered in the course will be past tense vs present perfect, future forms, must - have to - need to-, should and ought to, ing or to + infinitive, questions tags.