

A transition to Language Coach

Interview with Dorota Czalbowska, Polish and Italian teacher, Italy



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

Before taking the language coaching certification I worked already in Italy as employee in an export-import company dealing with Poland. I used to teach polish as additional occupation; rather as a hobby. Even then dealing with people, sharing my knowledge and helping them in language learning made me feel useful, it gave me a lot of satisfactions.

How did you find the course?

For me it was a significant step forward! It gave me an opportunity to discover a new way of teaching methods, giving me a strong potential for greater responsibilities. It was also deeply self-motivated as it convinced me definitely that I’m on the right way aligned with my own teaching patterns and lifestyle principles. I’m grateful to Rachel for sharing her energy, her power and a lot of her time in spreading her knowledge.

Which highlights or insights did you gain from the LCC?

There are a lot of them but the most significant are how much our emotional state, quality of our relationships and personalised approach are important in empowering and guiding our coachee towards great results.

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

After it I became much more challenging for myself, more precise and focused while preparing my sessions’ guidelines, defining carefully each point and keeping in mind not only goals established previously with coachee but also his/her personality and the way he/she likes to learn. It was a great opportunity to get a habit to give a feedback. I find it extremely useful for everyone.

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

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How was your professional development after the course?

The most astonishing fact is that I managed to face some new challenges, which seemed unreachable for me before. It helped me to overcome my own doubts and fears. I’m convinced that professional development after the course is an unstoppable process as it activates a strong desire to learn, it gives an opportunity to acquire more and more valuable skills and to be a part of exciting projects within growing networking community.

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

I think I became more confident in my ability to deliver language course, more creative and efficient and hopefully more inspiring for all those who can’t see their own language learning potentials.

How would you describe the impact you are now having as a language coach on your learners?

Oh well, they seem to be happy and that is the most important for me. Secondly they feel more comfortable in grammar but above all in showing me their weaknesses, so I can help them to overcome them.

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