

***Peer to Peer Teaching Programme for Professional Teachers
The Bengbu China Team (3rd to 14th May 2014).***

This new **Peer to Peer Programme** plans to use experienced, professional volunteer teachers from the UK and the US for an intensive teaching programme with Chinese Teacher peers and fellow teachers.

Jane Coates led a team of Teachers on this Pilot Programme -a professional development training course for Chinese High School, Middle School and Primary School Teachers of English. The initial Bengbu Programme included lectures, seminars and practical workshops. The team and the Chinese Teachers together explored ways to improve the classroom teaching of English in Chinese schools, in addition to teaching strategies, management issues and the care of students.

*For the pilot programme there were **two UK Teachers**-Jane Coates and Andy Hobbs, and **two US Teachers**, Lynn Yarborough and Phyllis Merritt. They were working with 80 Chinese English Teachers gathered from their schools in Bengbu, Anhui Province. The programme was a response by the Amity Foundation, a Chinese Christian Organization, to requests from the Education Bureaus and the Chinese English teachers. The practical sessions and activities were separately organized for groups of Chinese **High School Teachers(Andy)**, **Middle School Teachers(Phyllis)** and **Primary Teachers (Jane)**. Lynn Yarborough, a longstanding Amity staff member who has taught in China for the past 14 years, provided invaluable support.*

It is hoped that the scheme will continue in other locations and at other times. It is a shorter programme of 7-10 days and so is ideal for those teachers and practitioners who are already committed to teaching positions in their own countries and may not be able to consider the longer SEP.

If you are a Teacher, whether currently employed or retired, and you would be interested in teaching in China for a short 7-10 day period, dates to be fixed at a mutually convenient time, then please do contact Jane Coates.
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This is an additional programme to the usual Summer English Programme.

Amity's Summer English Programme, a three week course (July 7th-August 4th 2014) continues to use volunteers who are required to have good clear standard pronunciation and the confidence to lead a class of 25 adults. Volunteers do not have to be teachers.