# Embedding EAL in teacher education

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### Issue 1:Linking theory to practice

- what theoretical input would be useful to trainees?
- -how do we fit this into progammes?
- different emphasis on learning theories in Primary and Secondary
- Expertise amongst tutors

#### Issue 1:Possible solutions

- ▶ 1)Cascade EAL pedagogy to other tutors
- 2)Develop EAL expertise (specialist tutor to keep abreast of research /guest lecturers)
- 3)tutors to articulate EAL philosophy within subject areas (through subject handbooks)
- 4)Focused observation task linking theory to practice(for example identify balance of CALP and BICS in a lesson)

#### Issue 2: Fear Factor

- Student teachers feel they lack experience, knowledge and skills
- Misconceptions about EAL (from media for example)

### Possible solutions: University

- Ensure student teachers are well informed (invite classroom practitioner to speak)
- Ensure message of celebrating cultural and linguistic diversity is emphasised
- Input regarding current policy and practice

# Developing practical teaching strategies

- How to be more conscious of own language use (presentational talk)use of register
- Use of visuals
- Subject specific language within the genre of the subject

#### Possible solutions: School

- Induction task: find out about school's EAL policy and provision- find out if there are EAL specialist teachers and talk to them
- Talk to a bi/multi-lingual child about the languages they use
- Ensure all students have experience within a multi- lingual school

### Developing specialist EAL interest

- Build in opportunities for interested student teachers to develop knowledge and skills
- -identification of interested students at interview
- Individual training plans
- enrichment activities (placement in multilingual school)
- M level assignments

# Issue 3: Critical appraisal of EAL policy and practice

- How to support trainees to question current practice and policy
- Independent professionalism
- Self- confidence
- Facilitating change in practice

# Issue 3: Critical appraisal of EAL policy and practice

- Theoretical underpinning of good practice
- Making connections with other theories of learning applied across subjects