Teachers’ Training is a universally recognized phenomenon. Quality of education depends upon quality of teaching and quality of teaching is enhanced by qualification and training of teachers. Well trained teachers practice a wide range of most effective and appropriate teaching and assessment tools and techniques in a highly motivated learning environment. In National Education Policy (NEP), there is clear indication to launch capacity building programs for the teachers in order to get their professional skills updated and provide them with the opportunities for nourishment of their pedagogical skills alongwith up-dation of content knowledge as per rapid increase in demand of quality education. The Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has been providing on-job trainings to teachers of private sector schools of the province under “Continuous Professional Development Program” (CPDP) for the enhancement of their ability to deliver content-knowledge in most effective and efficient way. In an attempt to increase the capacity of its Subject Specialists, PEF-CPDP in collaboration with the British Council organized a five day workshop titled ‘English for Teaching: Teaching for English (ETTE).

English for Teaching: Teaching for English (ETTE) is a British Council project that helps teachers of English language in the Central and South Asia region improve their language and teaching skills

The pilot training was successfully conducted on 17-21 May, 2010 at Jahan Ara Memorial Welfare School, Lahore wherein subject specialists of TICSS from 21 districts and ADU – subject specialists participated in interactive sessions with great enthusiasm. Ms. Roudaba and Mr. Fareed were the nominated trainers from British Council.

The training content was exclusively designed for the teachers teaching the subject of English. It focused on pedagogical skills, communication skills, developing and utilizing supplementary teaching learning material, conducting capacity building sessions and teaching slow learners in an effective way.
Mr. Zakir Hussain, English Subject Specialist in District Gujranwala and a trainee of the workshop says:

“The workshop conducted by the British Council was very fruitful. This workshop has taught us how to make teaching a fun. All the activities which Ms. Rudaba and Mr. Farid teach us will go a long way in improving our teaching methodologies and help us as trainer. This workshop has taught us how to make our teaching interesting and effective”.

In Mr. Ahmed Shoaib’s (Subject Specialist in District Vehari) words,

“We are having experiential learning which is highly practical and productive as far as the capacity building and learning outcomes of the students are concerned. Being a Mentor I feel that training sessions like this will surely improve my performance in the conduction of SLM. The conduction of Trainings like twice a year will surely enhance our pedagogical as well as mentoring skills”.

On success of pilot workshop, it has been planned that British Council will be engaged for trainings of English teachers as there is a dire need to equip teachers with the required skills and competencies and provide them with the opportunity to perform as per requirement of National Education Curriculum wherein teachers are required to take English as a medium of instruction.