

2016 Rural English Teachers Training Supported By Zigen

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Judy Manton, long-time friend of Zigen, had volunteered for Zigen's Rural English Teachers' Training Program since 2004, almost every year. She has been well-travelled to Zigen project sites in Guizhou, Shanxi and Hebei provinces.

In August of 2016, the Rural English Teachers' Training was held at a new location, namely, the training center at Hebei Normal University. Sixty trainees from rural schools of twenty-six counties participated the two-week long training session.

Judy Manton teamed up with Cynthia Wiseman, associate professor of Borough of Manhattan Community College, Zhang Yuan, Jenny Cho and Wenxin Zhang for this occasion.

The trainers used a multitude of participatory teaching methods, such as role playing, games, singing, and multimedia. Many participants said the two-week training had been a transforming experience. After the training, they say they are no longer afraid of making mistakes while speaking in English, and have more confidence to express themselves in English. They also greatly appreciate the devotion and professionalism of the training team.

While members of the training team paid their own travel expenses, Zigen and the training center of Hebei Normal University supported and organized the program.



滋根举办 2016 年暑期英语教师培训

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2004 年至今，滋根邀请美国退休英语教师 Judy，在滋根项目地贵州、山西、河北等地开展暑期乡村英语教师培训。今年 8 月，滋根与河北师范大学教师教育中心合作，邀请 Judy 的培训团队，对河北 26 个县的 60 名英语教师进行培训。

培训从 8 月 5 日开始，为期两周。8 月 5 日下午，Judy、Cynthia 和卓燕妮三位老师和三位助教带着学员们开展了此次培训的破冰活动。破冰活动很吸引人，有新颖的自我介绍活动 Name Chain，考验词汇量的 Connect the Dragon，句子接龙成故事 Pass a Long History，以及制作属于自己的最独特的名卡。大家都很喜欢这些有趣的活动，学员之间也很快熟悉起来。

在两周的培训中，培训师们通过英语游戏和活动、角色扮演、英语歌曲、电影教学等方式，演示并实践组织英语教学的方法，并讲解语法结构和语法教学，阅读训练和阅读教学，以及如何借助 PPT、教学用具和其它材料，使英语课更生动丰富。

多年来，Judy、Cynthia 等老师总是不辞辛劳，不远万里来到中国，走到最偏远，缺乏培训机会的贫困县给老师们带去纯正的英语培训，参加过培训的乡村英语教师们，在英语听、说、读、写及教学技能方面都得到了很大的提升。