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Welcome to the 24th P.A.R.K. Conference!

We are delighted to be able to bring you the 24th P.A.R.K. Conference.

As usual, the conference will start with an opening plenary, this April by Edmund Dudley. After a coffee break, there will be 3 rounds of 12 simultaneous sessions - many of which are presented twice - including keynotes by Bob Dignen, Louel Ross Calleja, and Iain Saunders. Philip Kerr will close the conference.

In this booklet you can find all the information about the speakers and the conference partners. For details about registration, practical information and getting to and from the conference, we have created a separate booklet which you can find on the website.

To help you get orientated in the programme, we have divided the conference sessions into strands. These strands have now been colour-coded which makes finding your way in the booklet easier. We have also updated the information about the session and it now contains a section with the following:

Plenary/Keynote: both are talks for a bigger audience.

Workshop/Talk: both are for a smaller group of participants with a workshop being more practical.

Capacity: this indicates the number of participants that can join the session

Keywords: words that describe the session

Age groups: the session is aimed at teachers who work with these groups

CEFR levels: the session is aimed at teachers who work with these levels

Audience: mixed - this session is suitable for both experienced and less experienced teachers

Audience: experienced - this session is suitable for more experienced teachers

The conference is a great place to get inspired during the sessions but we hope you will also find the time to browse the books and resources of our partners, to meet fellow teachers and friends, or to simply have a delicious piece of cake in the café.

We always welcome your feedback and suggestions for new sessions and we would be grateful if you could fill in the feedback form. This form can be found in your conference pack. Please hand it in before you leave the conference. If you have any questions or comments during the conference, please come and talk to us.

Enjoy the conference.

On behalf of the P.A.R.K. conference team,

Roman Kožnar & David Koster

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09.00	10.00	Opening plenary by Edmund Dudley OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
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10.30	11.20	1 Keynote and 11 Practical Workshops
11.20	11.40	Coffee Break and Partner Presentations
11.40	12.30	1 Keynote and 11 Practical Workshops
12.30	13.45	Lunch break
13.45	14.45	1 Keynote and 11 Workshops & Talks
14.45	15.00	Coffee Break and Partner Presentations
15.00	16.00	Closing plenary by Philip Kerr
16.00	16.15	Raffle with many great prizes
16.30	19.00	Meet the speakers – After Party (not included in fee)

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Edmund Dudley	Making the most of students' potential	
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Tereza Janičková	Revising Vocabulary with Young Learners	
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Chris Bain	Developing Autonomy in a Student-Centred Classroom	
Séan Thompson	21st Century Competencies in Action	
Jane Mataruga	Taming the films: how to use them with lower levels	
Irena Martinková	Writing and Publishing Stories	
Kateřina Kallus Brychová	Promoting media literacy	
Gabriella Kovács	From Language Teacher to Language Coach	
Hana Tichá	How teachers can benefit from reading and writing blogs	
Steven Mcintosh	Become the Best Teacher You Can Be!	
15.00 – 16.00 Closing Plenary		
Philip Kerr	Personalized learning: the past, present and future of ELT	

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Exam Preparation

Matthew Siegal - Cambridge Assessment English

Speaking Tests: How to do well on the day (B2/C1)



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30 - 35
Key words:	Speaking Exam, First, Advanced, Cambridge
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	<i>B2, C1</i>
Audience:	mixed

Students are often not fully aware of what examiners are looking for in the Cambridge Speaking Exam and how they can improve their grades. In this workshop, we will look at Cambridge assessment criteria and give ideas for optimising students' performance as well as help you better assess your students' level. You will receive classroom activities for improving your students' speaking skills.

Matt has been teaching English for almost 10 years and has worked as a teacher in schools, businesses and universities in Poland, Laos and the UK. Matthew has worked with Cambridge English Language Assessment, from 2015, as a speaker in Poland, Ukraine, Austria and the Czech Republic. He spent a number of years working as a Senior Teacher and In-house Teacher Trainer at International House.

Exam Preparation

Matthew Siegal - Cambridge Assessment English

KEY and Preliminary Exams in 2020: What's changing?



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	25
Key words:	KEY, Preliminary, Changes, Cambridge Exams
Age groups:	young learners, teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A2, B1
Audience:	mixed

The Cambridge KEY and Preliminary exams are being updated and will change in 2020. In this workshop we will look at what is going to change and the implications this will have for you and your students. In addition, we will share some practical teaching ideas that will allow your students to prepare for the exams in a fun way and, if we have time, we will discuss how to best assess your students' productive skills.

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Exam Preparation

Sinéad Laffan – Teacher / Trainer

Listening for Assessment: How can we help students to be more successful?



TALK

Capacity:	30 - 35
Key words:	listening, assessment, confidence, practical, activities
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A2, B1, B2, C1, C2
Audience:	mixed

This session will look at some of the issues surrounding the "teaching" of listening, the challenges that our learners experience and how we can support them (both in and outside of the classroom) to be more confident and successful listeners. A range of practical activities will be presented to support teachers and students, with a focus on assessment.

Sinéad Laffan is a freelance teacher trainer, based in Budapest. She specialises in performance development for English Language teachers, helping language schools retain staff and students by creating and delivering tailored teacher development programs. Her process focuses on helping each teacher find their own best selves as practitioners and professionals. She is a former coordinator of the IATEFL Teacher Development Special Interest Group.

Exam Preparation

Radka Malá – Pearson

Practice Makes Perfect. Or does it?



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30 - 35
Key words:	exam preparation, speaking activities, motivation, activating students
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A2, B1, B2, C1, C2
Audience:	mixed

Have you slipped into the habit of just bringing exam sample papers to every lesson? Are you struggling to find the right balance between preparing your students for an exam and having fun in your lessons? Between teaching language and teaching exam strategy? In this seminar, we will share (and try out!) best practices on how to keep all your students motivated, whether they are working professionals with analytical minds or bored teenagers.

Radka has been teaching for almost 15 years, in a wide range of classes for special purposes and with all age groups. She now specialises in teaching professional English, utilising her lifelong passion: technology and video in the classroom. As a teacher trainer and conference speaker, she follows the same principles as a language teacher; activate your students, make the session meaningful and have fun!

Young Learners

Vlad'ka Skopcová - Macmillan Education

Grammar in Games



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30 - 35
Key words:	presenting grammar, games
Age groups:	young learners, teens
CEFR levels:	A1, A2, B1
Audience:	mixed

Have you got a dilemma how to present grammar to your pupils in an enjoyable way so that they would have fun and not feel frustrated? Let's see how to find an interesting context and a playful way to present grammar to help pupils visualize the structure and acquire the rules quickly and easily. You will also get a lot of ideas for practical activities and games.

Vlad'ka Skopcová has over 15 years' experience of teaching both young learners and adults in a range of situations. Having completed her CELTA and DELTA, she started working as a DOS. Vlad'ka currently divides her time between teaching and teacher training. She has been working for Macmillan Education since 2014.

Young Learners

Jarmila Tomanová - Pearson

From sparks to fireworks of creativity



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30 - 35
Key words:	creativity, CLIL, primary school learners, handicraft
Age groups:	young learners
CEFR levels:	A0, A1, A2
Audience:	mixed

Children are naturally curious about the world around them. Especially with primary school learners we should take advantage of their unspoiled creativity. How can we ignite sparks of creativity to make pupils learn without even noticing it? In this workshop we are going to have a look at practical techniques and activities to spice up (not only) CLIL lessons for primary school learners.

After completing Master's degree in English Philology at Palacky University in Olomouc, **Jarmila** seized the opportunity to work as an intern at Czech School Without Borders London and taught bilingual children. In the Czech Republic, she has worked for several language schools teaching individual, in-company, public and post-secondary courses. Currently, Jarmila works for Ventures Books as a methodological consultant.

Young Learners

Alex Roditis - Express Publishing / Infoa

The Power of Play: Developing Language through Play



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30 - 35
Key words:	Pre A1 - A2, ages 6-10, structured play in the classroom
Age groups:	young learners
CEFR levels:	A0, A1, A2
Audience:	mixed

Play is the most natural teaching tool there is as it allows language learners to experience and experiment with language in a safe context. By integrating games into our classrooms, we increase students' motivation, activate their bodies to permit kinesthetic learning, and develop their social skills by teaching them the value of effective collaboration. Structured play in the class is not time off from learning–it ensures that learning happens.

Alex Roditis holds a BA in English Language and Literature from the University of Athens. He taught English as a Foreign Language to international students of all ages and levels for 7 years before joining Express Publishing as an ELT Consultant and a Presenter in 2013. He is also a Speaking Examiner for Cambridge Assessment English. He has travelled extensively, participating in conferences all over Europe, Middle East, Africa and Australia.

Young Learners

Tereza Janíčková - P.A.R.K.

Revising Vocabulary with Young Learners



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30 - 35
Key words:	young learners, vocabulary, revision, fun activities, motivation
Age groups:	young learners, teens
CEFR levels:	A1, A2, B1
Audience:	mixed

"Without grammar little can be conveyed, without vocabulary nothing can be conveyed," the linguist David Wilkins said. Vocabulary represents one of the most essential skills. The question is how teachers can help their students to remember and use it? Are you tired of using the same "vocabulary revising" activities? In my workshop I'm going to present a range of various and simple activities you can revise vocabulary with in your classrooms.

Tereza Janíčková has been part of P.A.R.K. School of English for 8 years, with 13 years teaching experience in total. After completing her Master degree in teaching English, she worked for several language schools and also got some experience at elementary school. Tereza is a regular EFL teacher in junior summer schools in the UK

21st Century Learning

Edmund Dudley - Oxford University Press

Making the most of students' potential



OPENING PLENARY

Capacity:	400
Key words:	mixed ability, motivation, non-cognitive skills, mindsets for learning
Age groups:	young learners, teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A0, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2
Audience:	mixed

In this session we will consider simple and practical ways in which we can make the content and language of the lesson more accessible and engaging for students in the group – whatever their age, language level, personality and interests might be. I will also argue that the teacher's handling of classroom interactions can have a huge impact on students' attitude towards learning, particularly if it helps them develop vital non-cognitive skills.

Edmund Dudley is a teacher trainer, materials writer and teacher of English with more than 25 years of classroom experience.He works as a freelance teachertrainer and as a tutor at the University of Oxford's ELT Summer Seminar.He is the author of ETpedia Teenagers (Pavilion, 2018),the co-author of Mixed-Ability Teaching (OUP, 2015) and has also contributed materials to several OUP textbooks and training courses.

21st Century Learning

Chris Bain - Teacher / Trainer

Developing Autonomy in a Student-Centred Classroom



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	25
Key words:	resources, autonomy, student-centred, tips, active learning, adaptation
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A0, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2
Audience:	mixed

/aː'taː.nə.mi/ the ability to make your own decisions without being controlled by anyone else.

Increasingly in the education and job market, people are being asked to become more and more autonomous. In this session, we will look at how we can help prepare our students (particularly teenage students preparing to embark on University studies) to be autonomous individuals, through creating a student-centred learning environment.

Currently the Senior Teacher at International House Bielsko-Biala in southwest Poland, **Chris** has been teaching English for the last seven years, in the Czech Republic, Japan, China, the UK and Budapest :) Having worked on EAP courses at a number of UK universities, it has become obvious that the higher education system is becoming more and more focused on autonomous learning, hence the motivation for this session.

21st Century Learning

Séan Thompon - MM Publications

21st Century Competencies in Action



WORKSHOP/TALK

Capacity:	30 - 60
Key words:	quick activities, brain warmers, short video clip, motivational ideas, tips
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A2, B1, B2, C1, C2
Audience:	mixed

Even though the 21st century started almost two decades ago, it is amazing that we still have educational systems leftover from the 19th century. This workshop aims to reveal the four main competencies and how to develop them throughout your teaching practice. We will also be looking at how to use text books to get the best out of the 4Cs while providing exciting examples of how to create lessons for future generations.

Teaching students from a variety of different backgrounds for over 23 years in Central Europe and the UK has helped **Seán**, originally from Britain, to develop many exciting ways of using traditional materials as well as modern ones. He incorporates all approaches of acquiring language such as visual, audio, kinaesthetic and even tactile methods, which he then develops into course material. He travels through Europe attending ELT conferences.

21st Century Learning

Philip Kerr - Macmillan Education

Personalised learning: the past, present and future of ELT



CLOSING PLENARY

Capacity:	400
Key words:	blended learning, goal-setting, learner autonomy, learner differences, motivation, personalized learning, technology,
Age groups:	teens
CEFR levels:	A1, A2, B1, B2, C1
Audience:	mixed

The world of ELT discovered personalized learning in the 1970s and it remains a hot topic. Its meaning has shifted over time, but is now closely connected to the potential of digital technologies to facilitate language learning tailored to individual learner differences. The history of attempts to personalize language learning in the last fifty years has not been a great success. Will new technology be the game changer?

Philip Kerr is a teacher trainer and materials writer who lives in Vienna. His interests include the development of online resources for teacher development, the use of technology in language learning, and the role of the L1. His publications include the coursebooks 'Straightforward' and 'Inside Out' (Macmillan) and the award-winning methodology handbook 'Translation and Own-Language Activities'.

21st Century Learning

Edmund Dudley - Oxford University Press

Lessons with large groups: working hard or hardly working?



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	60
Key words:	classroom management, mixed ability, classroom dynamics, collaborative learning, learner autonomy, ideas for the classroom
Age groups:	young learners, teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2
Audience:	mixed

In this session I will look at some of the challenges associated with large groups and suggest practical and realistic ways of meeting them. I will also consider some of the advantages of working with large groups, and share some ideas for the classroom based on calibrating levels of control, re-evaluating roles, promoting learner autonomy, and improving the classroom dynamic through peer-learning and other collaborative methods.

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21st Century Learning

Frank Prescott -Sharing One Language (SOL)

Let's Talk About It



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30 - 35
Key words:	communicative approach, negotiation, 21st century learning
Age groups:	young learners, teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	<i>B1, B2, C1, C2</i>
Audience:	mixed

In this workshop participants will try out some simple, easy to prepare activities based around the principle of negotiation. The activities will be suitable for lower intermediate to advanced students and will revolve around the need to negotiate outcomes in different ways and involve both student to student communication and student to teacher communication. Preparation will also be discussed.

Francis J. Prescott gained his first teaching qualification in 1993 (PGCE in English, University of Heriot Watt) and has been teaching English ever since, first of all in secondary schools in Edinburgh and from 1995 in private schools and at university in Hungary. He is now an associate professor in the Department of English Language Pedagogy at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. He is also a regular trainer on our summer SO(u)L teacher training camps in Slovakia!

Visuals and Games

Bronislav Sobotka - Teacher Trainer

Language Espresso 2.0



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	35
Key words:	speaking, movement, music, icebreakers, fun, energisers
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A2, B1, B2, C1
Audience:	mixed

We all know those terrible moments of despair when the students seem to be falling asleep and fatigue seems to be taking over the classroom... Good news! There is a way to fight back (and win)! And even better, it is fun and hard not to enjoy! This workshop will let you taste a nice blend of these activities on you own. All the activities are possible to use with larger classes and you will get a little e-book with all the activities.

This is a follow-up to Broňa's workshop at the 23rd P.A.R.K. Conference.

Broňa is an excited English teacher from Brno who helps people to fall in love with English. Besides teaching at a secondary school and faculty of education, he also focuses on private individual and group teaching, online teaching, experiential learning and teacher training. He has also a number of online courses and a YouTube channel focused on English. More about Broňa at www.brona.cz

Visuals and Games

Michaela Sobotková - P.A.R.K.

Images make your lessons memorable



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30
Key words:	activities, pictures, images, visual, memorable
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A0, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1
Audience:	mixed

Do you want to make your lessons more memorable? Then come to this seminar and learn a few simple activities using visual materials which will help your students both remember the important things and enjoy your lessons at the same time.

Michaela has been teaching English for more than ten years. She also worked as a Director of Studies for a language school in Brno. Now she works for P.A.R.K. as a teacher and represents Cambridge P.A.R.K. as an examiner and teacher trainer. She's keen on teaching methodology classes and meeting with enthusiastic teachers who love trying new things.

Visuals and Games

Jane Mataruga - Mooveez

Taming the films: how to use them with lower levels



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30
Key words:	film/movie, lower levels, authentic, interactive
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A1, A2, B1
Audience:	mixed

Films and series fascinate students and teachers alike. Rich context, intriguing visuals and vast range of everyday (and less everyday) communication situations are only a few of the attractions. But can authentic feature films be applied in a different than friday-afternoon-way when teaching lower-level students? How can we make film less intimidating for them? In our workshop we will present practical solutions for the classroom.

Jane Mataruga is a Prague-based English teacher, translator and proofreader. She studied English Language and linguistics at Charles University of Prague and engaged in authentic language research even then. In the last four years Jana has been a part of Mooveez team as a head of the language development department working with over 60 translators to create content available in 8 different languages around the world.

Language & Skills

Philip Kerr - Macmillan Education

Upgrading your vocabulary toolbox



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	60
Key words:	communicative, memory, practice, vocabulary
Age groups:	young learners, teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A1, B1, B2, C1, C2
Audience:	mixed

Much more important than the way that we present new vocabulary are the opportunities we provide for students to practise it. This workshop will explore a variety of classroom techniques and activities, requiring minimal or zero preparation, that set up communicative vocabulary practice. Many will probably be new to you.

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Language & Skills

Louel Ross Calleja - P.A.R.K.

The unbearable 'lightness' of teaching a conversation course: Is it really THAT easy?



KEYNOTE

Capacity:	150
Key words:	Dogme, improvization, vocabulary, conversation
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	<i>B1, B2, C1, C2</i>
Audience:	mixed

Do you pre-plan a sequence of activities and language areas to work on down to the last detail? Or do you play it by ear and create the lesson moment by moment in class? Do you improvise because you've failed to prepare for a lesson or because you're prepared to teach any lesson?

Let's talk about what Jim Scrivener calls 'the jungle path approach' - not planning anything - and how to make it work when teaching a conversation course.

Louel joined P.A.R.K in 2013 and has been giving workshops on behalf of the school in various teacher training events in the country since. He teaches a wide range of courses for adults and has taught students coming from more than 30 countries. He always makes it a point to teach culture in the classroom and has made it his mission to make his students fall in love with learning words.

Language & Skills

lain Saunders - P.A.R.K.

Slang, Colloquialism or Real English? Dealing with Native Speakers in Global English.



KEYNOTE

Capacity:	150
Key words:	Vocabulary, authentic, natural speech, communication activities,
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	<i>B1, B2, C1, C2</i>
Audience:	mixed

This session takes a look at the structured and safe language we learn and teach versus the language that is actually in global use in spoken English, then uses them in a range of ready-to-use communicative activities for the classroom. You'll learn some of the most common words in the English language that are rarely taught in text books and practical activities for including them in your own language teaching.

Iain Saunders has been teaching English as a Foreign Language for nearly two decades, having previously worked in community sports teaching, media production, book-selling and IT. These days he is the Academic Manager at the P.A.R.K. School of English and the Speaking Examiner Team Leader for P.A.R.K. Cambridge Exam Centre. He's also a freelance voice artist, novelist, teacher-trainer, choir director, father of four and lay minister.

Language & Skills

Irena Martinková - Teacher

Learning English through writing (stories)



KEYNOTE

Capacity:	30
Key words:	motivational, writing, stories
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	<i>B1, B2, C1, C2</i>
Audience:	mixed

This session is all about helping students grasp English in a faster, more fun and personal way that will leave them with an enduring sense of success. We'll be looking at helping students to write stories, as well as essays, and then accessible ways to publish your own school or class book with students' work printed in its pages. We'll also review how to help students plan their personal language-acquisition goals and enhance their learning at home.

Irena is a teacher at Gymnazium Prof. Jana Patočky. She's helped multitudes of students through their B2 First and C1 Advanced exams, accelerating their development in the language through writing practice. She's published several volumes of students' stories and visited many British and American high schools and universities with her students. She's particularly interested in motivational learning and in encouraging both student and teacher creativity.

Language & Skills

Kateřina Kallus Brychová - P.A.R.K.

Promoting media literacy



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30
Key words:	critical thinking, authentic materials
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	<i>B1, B2, C1, C2</i>
Audience:	Experienced

A set of activities based on reading authentic articles and viewing videos which should equip teachers with strategies on how to help students build up their critical thinking skills and guide them towards independent judgement, applicable to one-off lessons as well as long term projects. The session is inspired by works of media literacy educator Renee Hobbs.

Kateřina studied English language and literature at Masaryk University in Brno. Previously, she worked as a freelance English teacher for language schools in Brno. Now she has been working as a state secondary school English teacher for three years. She is a CELTA-qualified teacher and also an experienced teacher trainer, having taught in Turkey, Kazakhstan and the Czech Republic. Katerina is also a Cambridge Speaking examiner for P.A.R.K.

Business English, Management, and Coaching

Bob Dignen - York Associates

A peek at the world of management training: Fierce Conversation



KEYNOTE

Capacity:	150
Key words:	Management and leadership
Age groups:	adults
CEFR levels:	<i>B2, C1, C2</i>
Audience:	mixed

This presentation explores the highly successful management training concept developed by Susan Scott entitled Fierce Conversation. Based on the book bearing the same name, this 2-day training concept asks participants to examine the values and principles which underpin their professional and personal communication, and then offers structured conversations to help define a clear role, to innovate and align, and to develop and confront others.

Bob Dignen is an international coach, trainer and author in the field of international (virtual) team and leadership development to major global corporates, with specialist expertise working with international financial services including the insurance and broking sectors. He provides international leadership coaching to those in senior and more junior succession / talent pools, and to leaders of international projects.

Business English, Management, and Coaching

Rachel Appleby - Teacher / Trainer

Personalised Business English input: minimum prep & maximum impact



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	35
Key words:	Business English; speaking; listening; personalisation; motivation
Age groups:	adults
CEFR levels:	B1, B2, C1, C2
Audience:	mixed

In attempts to tailor BE courses as closely as possible to clients' needs, we often struggle with a huge range of materials: coursebooks, websites, and on-/offline documentation, including students' own work-related sources – not to mention various other goodies we cook up ourselves! This workshop looks at 5 sources and ways of exploiting them with minimal prep, but to maximum effect, ensuring students' interests remain at the centre of learning.

Rachel is a CELTA, LCCI and British Council EMI trainer, and has worked in Spain, Portugal, Bratislava and Budapest. She has taught on BA & MA programmes at ELTE, and Corvinus Economics universities. Rachel is the author of course books for OUP, including Business one:one, International Express, Business Result & Navigate. She also prepares school-leaving students applying to study in the UK, working on Personal Statements, and academic writing.

Business English, Management, and Coaching

Gabriella Kovacs ACC - Teacher / Trainer

From Language Teacher to Language Coach



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	25
Key words:	skills development, coaching, activation, motivation, strengths, positive
Age groups:	teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	<i>B2</i>
Audience:	mixed

We teachers have reached a point in our profession where we are at a crossroads. We can stop and scratch our heads and go on as before... Let me show you how language coaching approaches challenges faced in the classroom. I will provide an overview of differences between teaching and coaching, examples of application of a coaching framework and practical activities you can take into your next lessons. Join me for some active language coaching!

Originally from Australia, **Gabriella** is a language coach, currently settled in Budapest, Hungary and has worked extensively from secondary school, colleges, private students to corporate clients. She has led several language coaching workshops and trainings for language professionals and supports teacher trainees and faculty of various institutes and universities and enjoys giving workshops at various venues.

Professional Development

Hana Tichá - Teacher / Blogger

How teachers can benefit from reading and writing blogs



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30
Key words:	community, blogs, blogging, PLN, sharing, writing, social media, professional development
Age groups:	adults
CEFR levels:	<i>B1, B2, C1, C2</i>
Audience:	mixed

There may be some reasons why you shouldn't start your own blog, but the advantages of blogging clearly overweigh the disadvantages. Not convinced? Let's explore the topic step by step in an interactive workshop. If you happen to leave the session skeptical, thinking that blogging is simply out of your comfort zone or even pointless, you'll still take away a few practical tips and ideas from other people's blogs.

Hana is an EFL teacher with 25 years of experience with learners of all ages. She holds a BA degree in teaching English as a foreign language to young learners, and an MA degree in TESOL from Masaryk University in Brno, the Czech Republic. Throughout her career, she has worked in the private as well as the state sector of education. Currently, she is teaching English to students aged 11 to 19 at a grammar school in the Czech Republic.

Professional Development

Steven McIntosh - Trainer / Coach

Become the Best Teacher You Can Be!



WORKSHOP

Capacity:	30 - 50
Key words:	collaboration, brainstorming, problem solving, potential, motivation, trust, awareness, growth,
Age groups:	Very young learners, young learners, teens, young adults, adults
CEFR levels:	A0, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2
Audience:	mixed

Yes, this is about becoming the best teacher you can possibly be.

This is NOT for those looking for a quick fix or trick to use in the classroom. Work with others through observation, consultations and feedback.

This is about creating long term, sustainable growth in your teaching.

Applying these activities in your teaching life will help you:

- Avoid burnout
- Save time
- Create great classroom energy
- Discover new sources of inspiration

Steven is a teacher and communication coach. He writes regularly for Friendship magazine, and has recently published the book "Ultra Simple Guide to conversation". He has led communication courses in the Czech Republic for 8 years. Before he taught English in a grammar school. His teaching, leadership and coaching focus on communication and self-development. Currently he is developing a course focused on memory retention and learning.

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Our courses for students are real immersion experiences which give them real confidence in using English. SOL also stands for "Speaking, Observing, Listening"- the fundamentals of our courses!

Our primary mission is to support the teaching of English in EC Europe and our training courses are led by Mark Andrews, including our regular summer one week courses on the Danube. We also run Observational Courses for teachers which are both low cost and very effective, following a group of students through a course in Devon, and with short seminar sessions with our staff.

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