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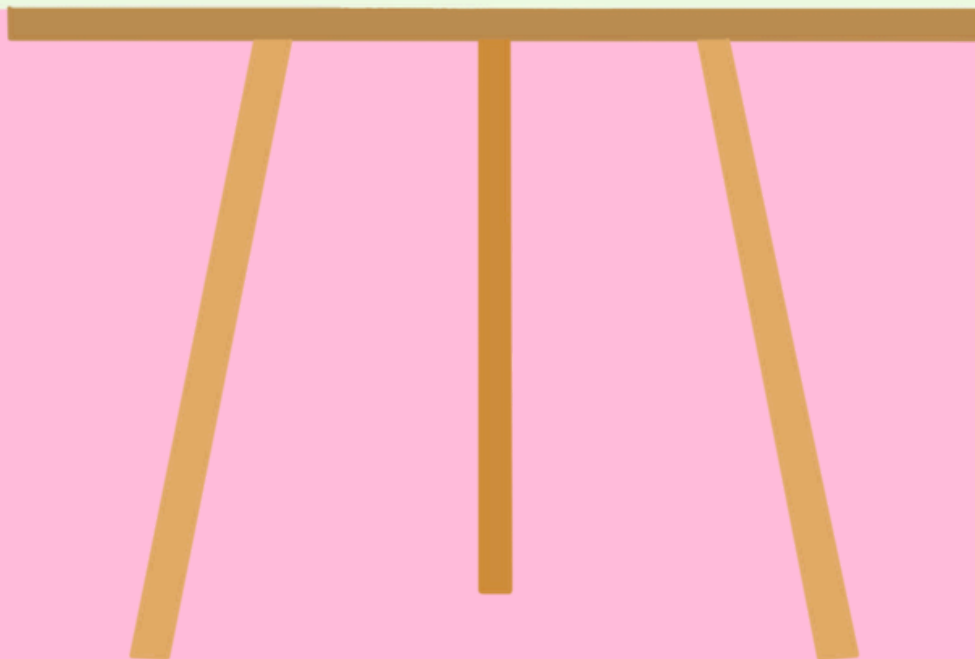
Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the end of another academic year, it's time to reflect on the journey we've undertaken together and express our heartfelt appreciation for the hard work of all our colleagues.

Throughout the year, we've held various training sessions, observations, and workshops aimed at fostering a conducive learning environment for our students.

As the PDU, we've strived to provide our instructors with the resources and guidance necessary for their professional development.

We understand that the demands of teaching can be challenging. Yet, we would like to thank you all for cooperating with the PDU to continue to inspire our students, despite the challenges.



REFLECTIONS AND THANKS

INSETS, BRIEFINGS AND COMMON HOUR SESSIONS

Since the September Orientation up till now, we have hosted the following INSETs and briefings in collaboration with the Admin, TO, CC, guest speakers and volunteer instructors at YADYOK as part of our Ongoing In-service Program.

- “Teaching in the Age of Generative AI” by İlkem Kayıcan Dipcin (Sabancı University)
- “Unlocking Fluent Expression: Enhancing ESL Learners' Speaking and Communication Skills” by Amir Hamidi (UES Teacher Trainer)
- “Empowering Learners: Student-Centered Grammar and Vocabulary Teaching” by PDU
- “Collaborative and Scaffolded Writing Instruction” by PDU
- “The Crucial Role of Lead-In and Follow-Up Activities in Effective Teaching” by PDU
- “PDU Programs, Schemes and Funding Options” briefing by PDU
- “CEFR Familiarization Training” by CC
- “Performance Management System in SFL” by Admin
- “Speaking Tasks and Assessment Familiarization” by TO
- “ETS Speaking Assessment Training” by Zeynep Oğul
- “Basics of ChatGPT” by PDU
- “Elevating and Adapting Existing Course Content with Magic School AI and Twee” by PDU
- “EAQUALS Briefing” by Admin
- “Lesson Planning Refresher Session” by PDU
- “Level-based Lesson Planning Workshops” by PDU and Admin
- “Teaching Pronunciation to Turkish Learners” by Masood Azimi (SFL instructor)
- Online “CollabLearn Day” by Volunteer Instructors at SFL (to be held on May 21st)

We would like to thank you for your participation in the sessions. We hope they have been informative and insightful to you and we are looking forward to seeing you all at the **Online CollabLearn Day** to be held on **May 21st**.

NEWSLETTERS AND TRAININGS

We have sent quarterly newsletters to update our colleagues on any development within the PDU and inform them on the upcoming ELT events. We hope you have benefited from the webinars, conferences and trainings suggested in the newsletters. 11 of our instructors also benefited from the complimentary spots provided to Boğaziçi SFL instructors by different institutions.

SELF-DIRECTED PD ACTIVITIES

As each instructor's professional development journey is unique, we highly support the framework of Self-Directed PD Activities within and outside YADYOK. We hope you have engaged in meaningful PD activities that pave the way for the fulfilment of your individual professional development needs. Thank you for being a part of this community that values continuous improvement and lifelong learning.

SUPPORTING THE NEW INSTRUCTORS

We would also like to brief you on the **First-Year In-Service Program** that we carried out with our new instructors. We have organized induction sessions for 21 new instructors and supported them with **Developmental PDU Observations** throughout the year. We extend our gratitude to our new instructors for their enthusiastic cooperation and dedication to their roles, enriching our academic community with fresh perspectives and ideas.

To carry our new instructors through the challenges of the first year, many experienced instructors at YADYOK also supported them by mentoring and/or welcoming them into their classes for peer-observation.

Many thanks go to:

- **the mentors who shared their invaluable knowledge and experience**

Gökçe Kuruçay Aydın, Yıldız Yıldırım Karlıdağ, Pınar Demirci İpek, Zafer Yavaş, Mehtap Özkasap, Özlem Tuna, Duygu Şimşek, Cansu Turan, Hülya Ersoy, Irmak Çiçek Gezek, Esra Bener, Masood Azimi, Fatma Bayram Sariahmet, Elif Türkoğlu, Feyza Çeliktaş, Somayeh Tahmouresi, Bekir Ateş, Nuray Akça Koyun, Mustafa Gönenç

- **the instructors who welcomed our new instructors into their classrooms for peer observation**

Masood Azimi, Hanife Emel Yüksel Aytar, Sema Özçallı, Gülüzar Öztürk, İna yet Deniz Sinangil, Helin Başak Akşit, Nagihan Kısa Gedizbeyi, Duygu Şimşek, Begüm Ece Yıldız, Yeşim Erdoğan, Feyza Çeliktaş, Fatma Bayram Sariahmet, Ayça Karaman, Çiğdem Taban, Yıldız Yıldırım Karlıdağ, Zeynep Abanoz Çelik

EAQUALS ACCREDITATION

As you very well know, this academic year also marked the beginning of our **EAQUALS accreditation** journey. All the unit members, together with the Admin have worked rigorously and diligently towards meeting the standards of EAQUALS and documenting them since May 2023. It has been a huge undertaking, and we would not be able to accomplish it without the support and commitment of all our colleagues at YADYOK. We wish to hear the good news from EAQUALS in two months. Thank you all for your remarkable contributions during this process.

In closing, we would like to provide you with some upcoming webinars and events that might appeal to you, along with links to past events that you might still access.

SPECIAL THANKS

On a final note, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Cansu Akan for her invaluable contributions to our journey over the past year. It was her initiative and dedication that laid the foundation for our Professional Development Unit. Cansu's vision and leadership have been instrumental in developing the programs and schemes within the PDU, and her passion for advancing our team's growth has made a profound difference. We wish her continued success in all her endeavors. Thank you, Cansu, for being an inspiration to us all.

UPCOMING ELT EVENTS

Technology-Enhanced Language Learning MOOC 2024



TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LANGUAGE LEARNING COURSE (FREE MOOC)

A free massive open online course (MOOC) on integrating technology effectively and responsibly into language education, designed in collaboration with experts at Anadolu University, Arizona State University, and Northern Arizona University. It is a self-paced course comprising 6 modules, with some set assignments.

Course Start Date: **May 13, 2024** (you can enrol after this date too)

Course End Date: **June 24, 2024**

The course modules cover a wide range of relevant topics, including:

1. Foundations of Technology-Enhanced Language Learning
2. Interactive Web Technologies for Language Education
3. Artificial Intelligence in Language Education
4. Evaluating TELL Experiences

Please **copy and paste** this link to your browser (**do not click on it**) and register to Canvas as a new user to see all the course material.

<https://canvas.instructure.com/enroll/KK8AEC>



ASSESSMENT FOR LIFE

A free live event by Macmillan Education
The event will take place live 3 times on Wednesday
22nd May at 13.00, 14.00, and 23.30

Managing resources - mini-event

Register to attend two practical webinars from specialists about what resources there are for teaching English aside from textbooks and worksheets. This will be followed by a panel of expert teachers from around the world sharing some of the creative ways they use resources in their classrooms. The event will be May 17, 2024.



MANAGING RESOURCES

A free British Council mini event comprising two practical webinars from specialists about what resources there are for teaching English aside from textbooks and worksheets.

May 17, 2024

Session 1: AI as our ally 16:30 - 17:30

Session 2: Using resources that aren't textbooks 17:45 - 18:45



**18 MAY 2024 (SATURDAY)
12:00-13:30 UK TIME**

We will be discussing
English Pronunciation through Acting Exercises and Techniques
with the author, Marisol Hernández.

To participate, register and download the chapter, visit:
pronSIG.iatefl.org/bookclub5



ENGLISH PRONUNCIATION THROUGH ACTING EXERCISES AND TECHNIQUES

A free IATEFL PronSIG Book Club event. Participants will discuss an excerpt from Marisol Hernandez’s book “English Pronunciation through Acting Exercises and Techniques”.

May 18, 2024 at 14.00- 15.30

Transformative Teachers webinars



Transformative Teachers
ONGOING WEBINAR SERIES

USING PHOTOS TO GET STUDENTS OF ALL AGES TALKING

A free online webinar by Trinity College London
Transformative Teachers Webinar - by Ross Thorburn
July 17th 2024, 18.00



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📅 24.05.2024 13:00 – 17:00 PM

Virtual Seminar for English Language Teachers: Humanizing AI for Learning and

VIRTUAL SEMINAR FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS: HUMANIZING AI FOR LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

A free half-day event by ETS. Recording of the seminar is sent once you register.
May 24, 2024 15.00-19.00

The Future of English Language Teaching Conference

Presented by **Trinity College London** and **Regent’s University London**. FOELT offers a first-rate professional development opportunity with a contemporary twist. It is free to attend and is open to English language professionals around the world at all stages in their careers.

View our [latest event](#) and use the button below to book your place on the 9th Future of English Language Teaching Conference. The conference will take place online on **Saturday 15 June 2024**.

Bookings are now open

Reserve your spot at our biggest event of 2024



THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CONFERENCE

A free online conference by Trinity College London and Regent’s University London
Saturday 15 June 2024

MaWSIG: Creating Materials to Enhance EAP Vocabulary

Date & Time Jul 22, 2024 16:30 in [Istanbul](#)

Description Creating materials to teach and practise vocabulary is crucial in ELT courses. Yet our approach might need to be tweaked when the materials are for EAP classes.

MAWSIG: (R)evolution of Video Tasks in ELT: New Horizons, Coursebook Realities

Date & Time Sep 18, 2024 18:00 in [Istanbul](#)

Description Looking back, video has radically reshaped the ELT landscape, shifting from mere comprehension checks to tasks fostering 21st century skills and multimodal literacies. Thus, current pedagogical trends empower students to become active prosumers. Yet, is this shift visible in mainstream localized coursebooks? Gazing into the AI-powered future, we question the role of video tasks.

CREATING MATERIALS TO ENHANCE EAP VOCABULARY

A free online session by IATEFL MAWSIG on how creating materials following a Flipped Classroom approach can enhance the quality of our EAP content.

July 22, 2024 - 16:30

(R)EVOLUTION OF VIDEO TASKS IN ELT: NEW HORIZONS, COURSEBOOK REALITIES

A free online webinar on the new role of video tasks in the 21st century.

September, 18, 2024 - 18:00

CONFERENCES- PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINES

TESOL International Convention & Expo

2025
18–21 March 2025
Long Beach, California, USA
Hosted by California TESOL

TESOL International Convention and Expo

The convention will feature presentations in Long Beach, California, USA, 18-21 March 2025. **Proposal submissions are due 3 June 2024.**

Call for Papers

IATEFL TEASIG & ESPSIG Joint Conference

Save the date!

Date: 6-7 September 2024
Location: School of Health, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Winterthur, Switzerland

Theme: 'Moving ahead: change, challenges and innovation in language assessment and ESP'.

Deadline for submission: 15 June 2024

JOIN US

TEASIG & ESPSIG Joint Conference
6-7 September 2024- Switzerland

Proposal submissions are due **15 June 2024.**

PAST WEBINARS

You can find the webinars and conference videos of the past year's ELT events in the websites below.

[Macmillan Global Teachers Festival Collection](#)

[British Council- Teaching English Webinars](#)

[IATEFL Conference Talks and Webinars](#)

[TrinityCollege London Transformative Teachers Webinars](#)

[Trinity College London and Regents University London: The Future of English Language Teaching Conference Videos](#)

WE WISH YOU ALL A GREAT SUMMER

Sinem & Melek