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TEACHING FOR SUCCESS

English Teacher and Educator
Development Conference

2-3 March 2024, Yerevan

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Welcome to **Teaching for Success 2024** conference!

This is British Council Armenia's professional development conference for English language teachers in Armenia.

The 2024 conference's overarching theme is 'Towards a Continuing Professional Development (CPD)' in support of Armenia's new teacher CPD Framework for teachers adopted by the RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport.

The conference aims to provide you with a platform for exploring the current trends and practices in English language teaching through the lens of Armenia's new CPD framework and its professional practices, while enabling you to connect with your peers and share your experiences with one another through talks and workshops.

We wish you a great learning and development experience during the conference!

British Council Armenia
March 2024

Day 1 - 2 March 2024

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 9:15 10:00 | REGISTRATION |
| OPENING SPEECHES | |
| 10:00 10:25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Gallagher, HMA, British Embassy in Yerevan• Zhanna Andreasyan, RA Minister Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport• Michael Conolly, Director English Programmes, British Council• Addeh Hovassapian, British Council Armenia, Country Director |
| INDUCTION SESSION 1 - TEACHER CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR QUALITY IN CLASSROOM | |
| 10:25 10:45 | Speaker: Addeh Hovassapian , Country Director, British Council Armenia |
| INDUCTION SESSION 2 - TEACHERS CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ARMENIA'S EDUCATION SYSTEM | |
| 10:45 11:00 | Speaker: Artashes Torosyan , Executive Director, National Center for Education Development and Innovation |
| BREAK - 11:00 ~ 11:15 (15 MIN) | |
| PLENARY SPEECH 1 – FUTURE OF ENGLISH | |
| 11:20 12:15 | Speaker: Michael Connolly , English Programmes Director, British Council |
| LUNCH BREAK – 12:15 ~ 13:15 (60 MIN) | |

| CUNCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS | | | | |
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| TIME | # | TOPIC | SPEAKER | PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE(S) |
| 13:15 14:00 | 1 | Bringing vocabulary teaching alive: Fun and engaging vocabulary teaching activities | Tamar Nersesyan | Teaching Methods and Strategies |
| | 2 | Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity (DMIS): In-class activities promoting Intercultural Communication Universal Design | Anna Avetisyan | Developing 21st Century Skills |
| | 3 | Neuroscience of success as a teacher | Lusine Stepanyan | Taking responsibility for professional development |
| | 4 | Empowering ESL classrooms: Integrating vlogging and blogging for student engagement | Mary Gevorgyan | Integrating ICT |
| 14:15 15:00 | 1 | Understanding Project-based Learning (PBL) to design SMART projects in line with new teaching standards and textbooks | Ohanna Avetisyan | Developing 21st Century Skills |
| | 2 | Listen Smart: A Journey into Effective Listening Strategies | Anush Papyan; Kristina Khokiashvili | Teaching Methods and Strategies |
| | 3 | Upgrade your lessons with the power of AI | Asya Torosyan | Integrating ICT; Planning lessons and courses |
| | 4 | Integrated approach in ELT | Venera Melkonyan; Margarit Gevorgyan | Teaching Methods and Strategies |
| BREAK - 15:00 – 15:30 (20 MIN) | | | | |

PANEL DISCUSSION:

EMBRACING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: WHY? HOW? WHAT?

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| <p>15:30 16:15</p> | <p>Invited educators and leaders from RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport and representatives from key local educational institutions and partner organisations will discuss the current trends in teacher continuing professional development, the opportunities and the challenges.</p> |
| <p>16:15 16:30</p> | <p>A wrap up mini session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What we learnt throughout the day• What to expect on day 2 |

Day 2 – 3 March 2024

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 9:15 10:00 | REGISTRATION |
| PLENARY SPEECH – AI CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES | |
| 10:00 10:50 | Speaker: Nick Peachey, ELT Expert |

| CUNCURRENT SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS | | | | |
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| TIME | # | TOPIC | SPEAKER | PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE(S) |
| 11:15 12:00 | 1 | Unlocking Imagination: Engaging Students through Collaborative Creative Writing | Kathryn Mousavizadeh | Teaching Methods and Strategies |
| | 2 | Connecting with Teens: Strategies for Effective Communication and Classroom Management | Mariam Navasardyan | Managing the Classroom; Understanding Learners |
| | 3 | Cultivating Inclusive Excellence: Practical Strategies with Universal Design for Learning | Christina Tonoyan | Competences for ensuring universal inclusion and participation in the educational process |
| | 4 | How to build a collaborative environment and enhance students' communication skills | Lusine Topchyan | Promoting 21st century skills |

| TIME | # | TOPIC | SPEAKER | PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE |
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| 12:10 12:50 | 1 | Use of AI in ESL exam preparation courses | Ofelia Muradyan | Integrating ICT; Developing 21st Century Skills |
| | 2 | Play to Teach: Strategies for Integrating Games in the Classroom | Anush Matinyan | Teaching Methods and Strategies; Planning lessons and courses |
| | 3 | A Full-fledged Assessment for Teaching and Learning Effectiveness and Excellence | Shoghik Koeshkerian | Assessment of learning |
| | 4 | Developing 21st century skills through storytelling | Anna Arshakyan; Hripsime Aghagulyan | Developing 21st Century Skills |

| PLENARY SPEECH: AI TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSROOM | |
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| 14:00 14:45 | Speaker: Nick Peachey , ELT Expert |
| BREAK – 14:45 ~ 15:00 (15 MIN) | |

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| TIME | # | TOPIC | SPEAKER | PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE |
| 15:00 15:45 | 1 | Assessment for Learning vs Assessment of Learning | Manoushak Petrosyan | Assessment of learning |
| | 2 | Peer observation as an effective teacher development tool | Ani Tovmasyan; Astghik Safaryan | Taking responsibility for professional development |
| | 3 | The Influence of AI on Students' Critical Thinking and Creativity: Insights from Students and Instructors | Arvin Bilemjian | Integrating ICT |
| | 4 | Improving reading skills through effective methods and different modes | Lena Simonyan; Naira Stepanyan | Teaching Methods and Strategies |

ELT VOICE

16:00

17:00

Short speeches by 5 teachers sharing inspiring and motivational success stories:

- Hermine Khachatryan - My vision of transformative pedagogy
- Svetlana Fahradyan – My 'Online Teacher Community' journey
- Ani Harutyunyan – IATEFL: Why you should engage with it
- Margarit Gevorgyan - The Power of Continuing Professional Development

CONFERENCE CLOSING - CONNECTING THE DOCS

17:00

17:30

A wrap up mini session

- What we learnt throughout the conference
- Teacher Action Planning
- Group Photo