

Saturday 27 January 2024 - 10.30am to 3.15pm

The Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8

Strategies and ideas to enhance the learners' experience

10.00 Registration: tea and coffee

10.30 Welcome and opening remarks

Catherine Devlin, Learner Ambassador, NALA Board member and Chair of NALA Student subcommittee.

10.40 Active Citizenship Voter Education programme from Dublin Adult Learning Centre (DALC): The programme aims to get people interested and active in their

local, national and European elections. We show learners how to register to vote and how to examine the important issues when deciding to vote! The programme is designed for learners. It also has 'train-the-trainer' element for tutors.

Fionnaigh Connaughton, Tutor, Tutor trainer and Voter Education coordinator, DALC.

11.00 My learning journey and barriers when moving from adult literacy to further and higher education

Sarah Shaugnessy, NALA Student subcommittee and Social Care student.

11.20 Critical adult education in a time of change.

Dr Fergal Finnegan, Senior lecturer, Department of Adult and Community Education, Maynooth University.

11.40 Go to workshops

11.45– 1.00 Morning workshops:

Please select **one** morning workshop.

- (a) Taking away the fear of technology** – Finbarr O'Shea, Adult Education Tutor, Tipperary ETB.
- (b) Enabling voter participation and politics in the adult literacy classroom** – Fionnaigh Connaughton, Dublin Adult Learning Centre.

- (c) **Applying phonics to literacy lessons** – The case for phonics and strategies for applying a phonics-based approach to learning – Michelle McGrane, ESOL Literacy Provision Coordinator, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB.
- (d) **ESOL literacy: Sourcing, adapting and preparing authentic ESOL literacy learning materials** – Mary Kenny, ESOL Development Officer, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB.
Note: Please bring authentic ESOL materials (leaflets, ads, posters, photos, forms and so on) which you have used in class for ESOL literacy learners.
- (e) **A different approach to Creative Writing** – Anne Gargan, Tutor, City of Dublin ETB.
- (f) **Creating classroom resources using Chat GPT** – Scott Wilson, IT and literacy tutor, Tipperary ETB.

1.00 Lunch

2.00 – 3.15 Afternoon workshops:

Please select **one** afternoon workshop.

- (g) **Taking away the fear of technology** – Finbarr O'Shea, Adult Education Tutor, Tipperary ETB.
- (h) **The place of technology in the ESOL classroom** – Mary-Claire Hally, ESOL and Technology tutor, Dublin Adult Learning Centre (DALC).
- (i) **Learners' stories, and why they matter** – Bridin Mary Harnett, English as a Second Language Teacher, Liffey College, Dublin.
- (j) **Creating classroom resources using Chat GPT** – Scott Wilson, IT and literacy tutor, Tipperary ETB.
- (k) **Applying phonics to literacy lessons** – The case for phonics and strategies for applying a phonics-based approach to learning – Michelle McGrane, ESOL Literacy Provision Coordinator, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB.

3.15 Close

Registration fee: There is **no fee** for attending this conference. [We'd be delighted if you joined NALA as a member.](#)

Note: The [Ashling Hotel](#) is across the river from Heuston station. There is a small car park at the hotel, but it is often full. NALA can't cover the parking costs for participants. The 'Museum' LUAS stop is a two minute walk from the hotel.