

ESOL Conference



Creative approaches to engage and motivate ESOL students

(ESOL is English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Wednesday 15 May 2024 – 9.30am to 3.00pm.

Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9, D09 R232.

There is **no fee** for attending this conference.

9.30 Registration: tea and coffee.

10.00 Welcome and opening remarks.

Amal Alaeddin, ESOL student, Ballymun Adult Education Service.

10.10 NALA update.

Colleen Dube, CEO of NALA.

10.20 ESOL updates on new ESOL programmes and on initial and ongoing ESOL assessment.

Michael Donohoe, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Research and Evaluation Officer, Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board (ETB).

10.30 AI and the future of teaching: A thoughtful inquiry.

Kathy Hanrahan, ESOL and Communications tutor, Waterford and Wexford ETB.

10.50 What happens when your usual teaching methodologies are redundant? ESOL provision for low vision and blind (LVB) refugees.

Toni Lambe, ESOL Project Coordinator and Liz Kearney Byrne, ESOL Project Coordinator and Tutor, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB.

11.10 Understanding trauma in adult refugees and how ESOL tutors can help with retention of language learning.

Edel Ni Ghrainne, Adult Literacy and ESOL Tutor, Kilkenny and Carlow ETB.

11.30 Questions and answers.

11.40 Go to workshops.

11.45 to 1.00 Morning workshops:

A. Values, beliefs and learner autonomy: Promoting autonomy for all.

Catriona Warren, Lecturer and Programme Leader, Literacy Development Centre, South East Technological University (SETU).

B. Engaging accessible and authentic community resources with your ESOL class: How to facilitate ESOL learners to engage with people working in real world situations in their community. Looking at what is possible and what the real costs and benefits are.

Gerard Cullen, ESOL practitioner and Outdoor Instructor, Limerick and Clare ETB.

C. Retention of learning after trauma for adult ESOL students.

Edel Ni Ghraíne, Adult Literacy and ESOL Tutor, Kilkenny and Carlow ETB.

D. Republic of Ireland ESOL strategy: ESOL activism: Where to start? - Reflections from a Northern Ireland perspective.

Declan Flanagan, English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Tutor.

E. AI essentials for teachers: The power of the prompt.

Kathy Hanrahan, ESOL and Communications Tutor, Waterford and Wexford ETB.

F. Including elements of literacy into ESOL resources: Practical tips for tutors new to ESOL: Using the 'ESOL Materials Ireland' website as a springboard.

Angus O'Riordan ESOL Trainer and Psychosocial Coordinator, Spirasi and Peadar Glennon, ESOL Coordinator and Tutor, Dublin Adult Learning Centre (DALC).

1.00 - 1.45 Lunch

1.45 to 3.00 Afternoon workshops

G. Working with ESOL students with broken or no education prior to accessing education in Ireland.

Damien Rocks, Step Up Programme Co-ordinator and Sara Golding, Migrant Access Programme Coordinator, Youth and Education Service for Refugees and Migrants, City of Dublin ETB.

H. Taking care in challenging times - ESOL and social, personal and emotional health.

Jillian Frayne, Youthreach Teacher and English as an Additional Language (EAL) support, City of Dublin ETB.

I. Drama and improvisation with ESOL learners to spark confidence and creativity.

Ania Zajko, ESOL Coordinator, South Inner City Adult Education Service, City of Dublin ETB.

J. Including elements of literacy into ESOL resources: Practical tips for tutors new to ESOL: Using the 'ESOL Materials Ireland' website as a springboard.

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K. ChatGPT, Twee and EIGO.AI for ESOL teachers and students: How we use these in the design and delivery of an entry to the workforce course for ESOL learners. And how ChatGPT and Twee are used to plan, design and delivery QQI level 1 Reading and Writing courses.

Claudia Belloni, ESOL Tutor, Tipperary ETB and Arthur McKeown, ESOL teacher and trainer, Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre.

Registration fee:

Note: There is no fee for attending this conference.

Note: There is plenty of free parking at the Marino Institute of Education.

Public transport:

The 123 bus operates from to the city centre (at Bewley's Westmoreland Street, O'Connell Street (Outside Dublin Bus HQ) and Parnell Street to Griffith Avenue.

From Heuston Station - take the Luas to Abbey Street, and just outside Penney's on O'Connell Street is the 123 bus stop that travels directly to Marino Institute of Education.

From Connolly Station - you could take the Dart to Clontarf Road Station and turn left, then right, up the Malahide Road. Marino Institute of Education is approximately fifteen minutes' walk away. Alternatively, the following buses run very regularly from Connolly Station - 27C, 29A and 42A. These take you via the Malahide Road, which is a short walk down Griffith Avenue, to Marino Institute of Education.