



News and information

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Supporting professional development

This e-newsletter shares news and information for English language teaching professionals from the Trinity TESOL team. You can also download it as a [PDF](#)

Conferences and events - ETP Live!

A lively time in Brighton

ETp Live! focuses on ongoing professional development

On Saturday 24 June, Brighton warmed up for next year's IATEFL conference with the biannual ETp Live! conference.

English Teaching professional editor-in-chief Helena Gomm opened the proceedings and led us into an excellent talk by Silvana Richardson on the importance of evidence-based teaching and offered advice on how to get the best out of staff development opportunities. Using research that included reference to John Hattie's work on [the effectiveness of teachers](#), Silvana took us through techniques to help identify and extend student learning.

Other speakers at ETP Live! included Young Learner specialist Chris Rowland and [CertTESOL Companion](#) author Jason Anderson talking about the rise of [translingualism in international education](#). There was also an inspirational talk by Melissa Lamb who looked at mentoring approaches to help us understand teacher behaviours by considering their underlying beliefs and attitudes to, and about learning.



Trinity TESOL's Ben Beaumont delivered the conference's closing plenary and encouraged teachers to take charge of their own work by engaging in educational research - to both inform their own teaching and support their own career prospects. According to Ben, one of the ways teachers can do this is by conducting the kind of research encouraged in Unit 2 of the [Trinity DipTESOL](#) - helping them to undertake research that is relevant to them and their teaching context.

With the deadline for [IATEFL Brighton 2018](#) speaker proposals due by mid-September, this was a timely fillip to get us thinking about our professional development.

Questions about technology?

... but not a digital native?

People often say that it's hard to keep up with technological innovation because of the sheer pace of technology change. If you've ever wondered about the difference between digital natives or digital immigrants, or you're not sure of practical issues, such as when internet image copyright rules apply, then Nicky Hockly's [eModeration Station](#) is for you. Full of helpful ideas and quick tips for use in the classroom, Nicky's website is an excellent place to get new ideas about using technology in the classroom.

Nicky is from [The Consultants-E](#), a TESOL course provider that runs courses for the [Trinity CertICT](#), an in-service qualification that helps teachers integrate technology into their teaching.

And finally - something for your daily commute

Dylan Gates reviews 7 top podcasts

There are so many free resources available these days, it's difficult to know what to choose. Luckily, CertTESOL trainer Dylan Gates has reviewed [7 must-listen podcasts for English Language Teachers](#). With a brief summary of each podcast provider, this is a quick 'go to' guide for teachers looking to find a fast way to invigorate their professional practice.

Tell us what you think

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