

A photograph of three people in a meeting. A man with a beard and a light blue shirt is on the left, looking towards the other two. A woman with blonde hair wearing a pink cardigan is in the center, looking at the woman on the right. The woman on the right has reddish-brown hair and is wearing a colorful striped cardigan, gesturing with her hands as she speaks. They are in a room with a wall covered in colorful sticky notes.

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News and information

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Dear colleague

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](#)

Best regards
From your Trinity TESOL Team

The Future of ELT 2019

Conference highlights and links

On Saturday 15 June the [4th Future of ELT Conference](#) was held at Regent's University, in London's beautiful Regent's Park.



With breakout sessions covering EAP, Young Learners, Technology and Teacher Education, and plenaries from Penny Ur and other ELT luminaries, this was a great event for teachers to share their knowledge and explore what the future has in store for us.

One of the highlights was Annamaria Pinter's Young Learner plenary session which showed us how far our understanding of teaching young learners has come. Starting out with a really helpful overview of the UN Convention on the Rights and Responsibilities of the Child (featuring [a great classroom resource!](#)), Annamaria went on to give some useful examples of how you can get young learners involved in classroom research. Not only did she demonstrate how this could be an inclusive classroom practice, but she also evidenced how it helped develop learners' enquiry and critical thinking skills.

Find out more about Annamaria's research in this [British Council publication](#). Conference presentations are available [here](#).

Authentic Listening

Resources to develop listening skills *and* teach language

Moving on from her success with the [Real Lives, Real Listening](#) series, 'authentic listening guru', Sheila Thorn, has been busy preparing new classroom materials that use authentic listening texts that both develop listening skills and teach language in general.



Recognising that many listening texts tend to focus on development of language in general rather than specifically developing listening skills, Sheila's free worksheets and recordings show teachers how they can focus on the specific sound shapes of authentic listening to help learners in the 'sound jungle' of the real world. You can also give feedback to help guide future resource creation using the link in the teacher's notes.

Access the first of these free resources and other listening support material at: trinitycollege.com/TESOL-listening.

Transformative Teachers Webinar Series

Continue your professional development online

Presented by Trinity College London academic experts, the webinar series has a strong focus on skills and language learning, with a firm eye on how new developments are shaping the way we teach and learn English. This year we are maximising learning from the Future of ELT conference to bring themes and issues raised at the event with interviews and videos from the day. To find out more about the programme and sign up for upcoming webinars, click [here](#).

If you'd like to carry on the discussion between webinars, you can join the Transformative Teachers Facebook group [here](#).

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