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Building teachers' assessment literacy

Highlights from the CRELLA summer seminar

The roles of the teacher are many and varied as we know, but one area that has been getting more attention lately is the concern over teachers' assessment literacy: how much do teachers know about the exams they prepare their learners for? Are they aware of the underlying principles which guide test design, and is there curriculum alignment with what happens in the classroom?

These were three of the questions addressed at the excellent [CRELLA](#) (Centre for research in Language Learning and Assessment) seminar in July. The opening talk was given by Rebecca Hughes, Director of International Education at the British Council, who discussed the context of modern, global assessment and posed interesting questions about the drivers of educational change and language assessment.

Having considered some of the difficulties facing teachers and assessors in a variety of contexts, Luke Harding introduced a ground-breaking project which aims to address teachers' language assessment literacy (LAL). Using an empirically-validated survey instrument, the project aims to develop a comprehensive understanding of LAL needs across different stakeholder contexts.

Gudrun Erickson, Professor of Education in Language and Assessment, delivered a rousing closing session about problems educators face trying to enhance learning and fairness in assessment, which along with her strategies for educators involved in assessment was a positive *tour de force*.

All-in-all, another fantastic developmental event from our peers at CRELLA. Abstracts and conference slides can be found at: beds.ac.uk/crella/seminars

Continuous professional development

Find a Trinity TESOL training provider near you

With change in education happening ever faster, along with innovations in every area of learning and teaching, keeping in control of your own CPD can seem like a daunting challenge!

To help teachers access ongoing development opportunities, Trinity's TESOL website offers interactive maps to help you find your nearest [CertTESOL](#), [DipTESOL](#) and [TYLEC](#) training provider.



While many courses require face-to-face attendance, a growing number are offering blended courses with extensive online support, helping you develop the skills necessary to keep you up-to-date and ready to take advantage of professional opportunities.

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Free CPD course for school staff

English for the Workplace

In-school CPD often centres on teachers and their delivery, and schools sometimes find it hard to find support courses for administrative staff.

A free, British Council course run by Future Learn aims to help non-native English speaking staff develop the language skills they need to perform effectively in workplace situations.

Based on authentic interaction and the functional language needed to get by in the workplace, this course focuses participants' attention on useful ways they can improve their vocational English, and thereby boost their workplace value.

Applicants can sign up now for the online [English for the Workplace](#) course starting 31st October 2016.

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