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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

IATEFL 2018 conference round up

Practical suggestions and innovative applications of theory

This year's annual [IATEFL](#) conference took place in Liverpool 1-5 April, enabling the ELT community to meet up with colleagues and find out about current research and developments in the field of English language teaching.



With plenaries on topics ranging from teacher empowerment and inclusivity and equality, to developing practical classroom skills, the stage was set for a conference that aimed to up-skill teachers as professionals in control of their careers and their learning environments.

Once again, the British Council have made the plenaries and a number of other talks [available online](#) and, for those interested in a participant's perspective, education blogger Dave Weller offers [day-by-day summary](#) of the talks he attended. The TEFL Training Institute [Conference Digest podcast](#), is also well worth a listen.

Looking ahead to IATEFL 2020

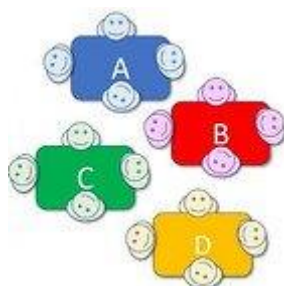
With IATEFL 2020 scheduled to take place 18-21 April in Manchester, it's not too early to start planning. To help cover your attendance costs next year, you could try applying for one of twenty IATEFL [scholarships](#) - two of which are sponsored by [Trinity](#). Applications for 2020

scholarships can be made via the IATEFL website from May this year. The submission deadline is early July 2019. Why not investigate further - we hope to see you there!

Developing collaborative learning

Putting together the pieces with jigsaw learning

Jason Anderson, author of the [CertTESOL Companion](#), has been busy again and this time he's been investigating the collaborative effects of communicative jigsaw tasks. In his engaging talk at IATEFL, Jason looked at the nature and origins of jigsaw activities in language teaching, suggesting a number of ways they may be varied and potentially improved.



Jason also suggested several original ideas for jigsaw tasks in the classroom. To learn more, listen to Jason and [download his slides](#) and handouts.

Upcoming conferences

Opportunities for personal professional development continue with two key events for teachers coming up.

Eaquals International Conference

Madrid, 11-13 April 2019

Eaquals is hosting its [annual conference](#) this April.



On Friday 12 April, Ben Beaumont, Trinity's Head of TESOL Qualifications, will be talking about developing teachers' *Professional Vision* and on Saturday 13 April, Alex Thorp, Trinity's Lead Academic, Language (Europe) will be presenting on the *Psychology of the Language Teacher and Learner*.

The Future of ELT Conference

London, 15 June 2019

You can also catch up with the Trinity team and continue to build upon your CPD on Saturday 15 June at [The Future of ELT](#) Conference at London's Regent's University - £15 early bird tickets are available until the end of April.



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