

ELT Forum

Welcome to the second ELT Forum Newsletter! Although ELT Forum is based in Cluster Mitte, Austria! This newsletter provides updates on professional development and networking opportunities, publications and teaching resources throughout the school year. We're open to any tips and feedback as we get started!

Professional Development Opportunities

NILE @ PHDL

This semester, the PHDL hosts the renowned teacher education institute NILE, offering a series of online seminars for teachers. These seminars can be accredited as 'Fortbildungen.'

Jan. 30, 2025: 16:45-18:30 *Teaching the Curriculum Creatively* (L081)

Feb. 6, 2025: 16:45-18:45 *CLIL in the Primary Classroom* (L087)

Sign-up for teachers: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=T-FmEhy0r0CYokcVCFvNg2l0HxmjxQlGnAIh9dt1gxhUMEhNNURTUzzSUzc5WUVONlhDVTJYSEFTMy4u>

Sign-up for students: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=T-FmEhy0r0CYokcVCFvNg-FMu7zL2kVLIid7EFCqK-VUOTZDUTk0WExVSUVFVjVHQjNNRINZNEZHRS4u&route=shorturl>

Turning problems into action!

The *More!* textbook publisher Helbling is offering a free webinar series concerning teaching students in Sek1. The sessions are given by Hebert Puchta, a renowned author and teacher trainer. Sign up for various events on the Helbling website: <https://events.helbling.com/at/>

Jan. 15, 2025: 17:00-18:00 *All they need is words – well, almost!*

Jan. 29, 2025: 17:00-18:00 *Grammar can be a pain – but it doesn't have to be*

The International English Teachers' Day in Burgenland

Different practical workshops showcase a modern approach to communicative activities. The program highlights hands-on tasks that can be directly applied in the classroom. By participating in these activities, trainees gain firsthand experience of their effectiveness and the principles that drive them.

Jan. 23, 2025: 09:00-16:00 *International English Day SEK 1 & SEK 2* (B10W24UB03)

Sign up here: https://www.ph-online.ac.at/ph-bgld/ee/ui/ca2/app/desktop/#/slc.tm.cp/student/courses/215220?scrollTo=toc_overview

Become a Language Assistant

"Weltweit unterrichten" provides information about international language assistant programs. As an LA, you gain teaching experience by collaborating with local teachers in schools abroad. On the website, you'll find application details, deadlines, and resources for those interested in promoting German as a foreign language.

More details are available here:

<https://www.weltweitunterrichten.at/sprachassistenz-international>

Here's an informational video about this program:

<https://youtu.be/82RSPvBZsf8?si=qV9RuaAQCg6QaxYr>

Events with former LAs and testimonials:

<https://www.weltweitunterrichten.at/sprachassistenz-infoveranstaltungen>

Jan. 12, 2025: Mar. 1, 2025:	<i>Deadline for applications 2nd deadline for applications (only some countries)</i>
LRS	
Using the hashtags #leserechtschreibschwäche and #ses, "Praxis Sprache" published informational material about LR (SpLDs in reading and writing).	
Here's an overview:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Was ist eine LRS? Teil 1: https://www.facebook.com/reel/1953496755076843 2) Was ist eine LRS? Teil 2: https://www.facebook.com/reel/1264398531430780 3) Was ist eine LRS? Teil 3: https://www.facebook.com/reel/880564314246126 4) Phonem-Graphem-Korrespondenz: https://www.facebook.com/reel/28108932332031477 5) Phonologische Bewusstheit: https://www.facebook.com/reel/592746166436796 6) Praxis: Der LRS-Koffer: https://www.facebook.com/reel/591610069894298 	
Shortcut-Video Zusammenfassung: https://youtu.be/hWAPrnmqOmA?si=9gvUBIqJ4r9aFdVF	
Bilderbuch-Empfehlung "Das kleine Häwas?": https://www.facebook.com/praxis.sprache.inklusiv/posts/1115929940209356	
More! 3 and ENGLISH Step by Step 3	
Helbling presents the revised editions of the textbooks MORE! 3 and ENGLISH Step by Step 3 while also giving you a preview of the upcoming fourth volume. These resources align with the new curriculum, offering everything needed to enhance your lessons. MORE! 3 caters to advanced learners, while ENGLISH Step by Step 3 supports differentiated teaching even more. Both textbooks are approved for AHS and MS or submitted for approval.	
Jan. 21, 2025: 17:00-18:30	<i>Das neue MORE! 3 & ENGLISH Step by Step 3</i>
Sign up here: https://events.helbling.com eventdata/?key=Y1MxNzICR2pTRIYwUVlwT0N0bnUwZz09	
Praxistag Sekundarstufe PHDL	
<i>Workshop: Using video for reflection and professional development in ELT</i>	
Join Elizabeth J. Erling (PHOÖ) and Miriam Weidl (University of Vienna) for an engaging session exploring how video can enhance teaching practices in English classrooms, particularly in linguistically diverse contexts.	
Jan. 13, 2025, 15:00- 17:30	
Sign up via the PHDL online system: https://www.ph-online.ac.at/ph-linz/ee/ui/ca2/app/desktop/#/slc.tm.cp/student/courses/313798?scrollTo=toc_overview	
MOOC Kinderschutzkonzept	
In 2024, every school has to have a plan for child protection. This online modular course aims to help support the planning process as well as give specific strategies for preventing violence. Learn more here: https://www.virtuelle-ph.at/kinderschutz-moocs-infoseite/	
Flipped Classroom	
Have you ever thought about turning your teaching methods upside down? With this approach, you can. The concept uses digital media to make learning even more accessible by providing input to plan lessons based on students' previous experiences, interests, and backgrounds.	
Jan. 13-31, 2025: 18:30-19:00	
Sign up for the online seminar: https://www.virtuelle-ph.at/?s=flipped	
Networking Opportunities	

You may be interested in the following teacher networks:

CARN DACH Tagung

This event is aimed at scientists, practitioners, and students who are interested in reflecting on and advancing their practice through action research.

Feb. 3-4, 2025 at the Department of English and American Studies (University of Vienna)

Sign up here (deadline Jan. 15, 2025): <https://univie.eventsair.com/carn-dach2025/regnocharge>

ELT Teacher Talks

Cluster Mitte will be hosting regular ELT Teacher Talks. In our first talk last semester, three practicing middle school English teachers presented reading projects developed for their Master's theses. Each project aims to enhance English reading skills at the lower secondary level (A1-A2) while introducing critical topics such as racial injustice, inclusion, and rainbow families.

Watch the recordings here: https://udele2023.univie.ac.at/?page_id=1464.

More ELT Teacher Talks coming soon!

Recommendations

English Language Teaching in Austria: From theory to the classroom and beyond

There's a great an open-source guide to ELT for teachers in the Austrian context. There are chapters on technology in the classroom, how to use coursebooks effectively, differentiation and so much more!

Read for yourself here: <https://library-publishing.uni-graz.at/index.php/lp/catalog/book/40>

ICEPELL

With this project, practitioners can confidently include intercultural citizenship education into EFL lessons. With the help of picture books, children aged 5 to 12 learn about cultural differences and similarities, gain insight into civics, and are led to community action-taking projects. ICEPELL provides teaching packs as well as a ready-to-use manual for practitioners. Click here if you want to know more: <https://icepell.eu/>

ELT and AI

Alicia Bankhofer, an educator in English and Digital Competences, published the first part of a 4-part series about Using AI in the English classroom. Read it here: <https://shorturl.at/wLUVc>

Book Clubs

Did you know that students of teachers who are avid readers are more likely to become readers too? You might like to check out some of these book clubs.

Youth Book Club

The English Center Salzburg invites everyone to come to their store and browse their books in an inviting atmosphere. Teachers can also visit the store with their students. For young readers, the shop also has a book club! Sign up here: <https://www.theenglishcenter.at/youth-book-club.html>

Young Adult Book Club

For anyone 16+, the English Center also offers a club for young adults. Enjoy a cup of coffee, some cookies, and new friends at these events. Sign up here: <https://www.theenglishcenter.at/young-adult-book-club.html>

Vienna Lit Book Club

The literary society holds a book club once a month to discuss contemporary text at the University of Vienna. They also have book swaps! Sign up: <http://www.viennalit.at/bookgroup.htm>

“Fully Booked” Book Club

This on-site book club meets monthly at the University of Vienna. It is aimed at (primarily) students of education in the subject English. Topics revolve around contemporary children's and young adult literature. Join now: <https://www.facebook.com/fullybookedcyal/>

Klett Graphic Novels

This publisher offers a range of graphic novels fit for ELT lessons. They also have teachers guides. There are fantastic resources that emergent (and reluctant) English readers might enjoy, whether at AHS, MS or Poly, for example *Class Act*, *Heartstopper* and *Long Way Down*. Find out more here: https://www.klett-sprachen.de/graphic-novels/c-1452?srsltid=AfmBOoq-7vWQUDxS-B_6DvUDU_5jjv_yN791hvfTgFeDRI29P7Ijdcyw

Interdisciplinary research into young people's mediated lifeworlds

This volume is a collection of research concerning young people and the media in their lives. It is definitely worth a read! Have a look: <https://shorturl.at/OFBYI>

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