

# ELT Forum

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*ELT Forum is a newsletter for English language teachers and teacher educators, fostering community and keeping you informed about professional development, networking events, publications and teaching resources. Based in Cluster Mitte, Austria, we aim to share valuable content across Austria. Please send us your feedback and any news, events or resources to help our community grow.*

## Professional Development Opportunities

### Webinars “Transforming Language Teaching Materials”

The Center for Educational Resources in Culture, Language and Literacy (CERCLL) is hosting a webinar series titled “From Selection and Adaption, to Creation, to Successful Implementation”. Language teaching and learning materials form the backbone of language programs and classrooms worldwide. Their impact depends on how well educators select, adapt, and use them to meet diverse student needs. This free webinar series explores the intersection, with each speaker offering unique insights.

Live attendees can receive a certificate for 1.5 hours of continuing education. Participants must register in advance.

More information here: <https://cercll.arizona.edu/materialswebinars/>

### Shape the Future: Become a Praxispädagog\*in or Mentor!

If you've been teaching English for at least 5 years and want to take on a new challenge, consider becoming a Mentor or a *Praxispädagog\*in*! These 15-ECTS programs (over 2 semesters) allow you to deepen your professional development and mentor new teachers as they enter the system.

Sign up by May 2025 to start in Winter Semester 2025/26.

Both the PHOÖ and PHDL offer these programs:

☒ [PHOÖ Details](#)

☒ [PHDL Details](#)

If outside OÖ, check with your local PH for a similar opportunity.

We need new people in this role—your experience and support can make a big difference!

### English Teacher Talks

On March 20, the online seminar “Teaching The Time in the English Language Classroom Using Multilingual Strategies” took place. The event was designed for English teachers who teach young learners how to tell the time, especially in multilingual classrooms.

The seminar introduced practical methods, ready-to-use teaching materials, and scaffolding strategies to make learning *The Time* more accessible and engaging for all students.

Participants gained hands-on ideas to create interactive and multilingual time-telling lessons.

Hosted by: Elizabeth Erling (PHOÖ) & guest English teachers

You can find a recording of the online seminar on [YouTube](#).

[https://udele2023.univie.ac.at/?page\\_id=1464](https://udele2023.univie.ac.at/?page_id=1464)

### Sprachassistentz International – weltweit unterrichten

Austria's international language assistant programs offer a unique opportunity to share Austrian language and culture in classrooms around the globe. These programs promote cultural exchange and professional collaboration between schools, teachers, and students worldwide. Whether you're a teacher or a student, you'll gain valuable international experience, explore new educational systems, and immerse yourself in the daily life of a different school environment.

Want to know more?

Information about the program: <https://www.weltweitunterrichten.at/sprachassistenz-international>

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

Informational video: <https://youtu.be/82RSPvBZsf8?si=aFrJLr8up0cYgxt>

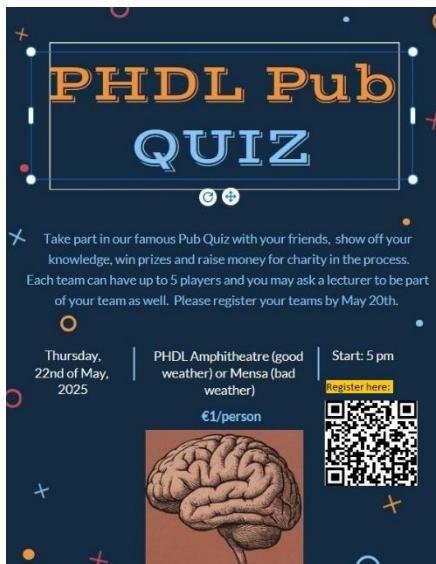
## Networking Opportunities

### PHDL Pub Quiz

The legendary annual Pub Quiz at the PHDL is going into another round!

Grab your friends and a wise lecturer and try to figure out the answers to the ridiculous riddles and quirky questions, all in the name of charity.

Sign up here or using the QR code below: [Pub Quiz](#)



### “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.

Have a look here: <https://www.facebook.com/fullybookedcyal/>

Or sign up here: [fullybooked.anglistik@univie.ac.at](mailto:fullybooked.anglistik@univie.ac.at)

## Conferences

### AAUTE Jahreshauptversammlung 2025

This year's *Austrian Association of University Teachers of English* (AAUTE) conference takes place from May 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in Salzburg. AAUTE membership is not a prerequisite for participation.

### ESSE Conference 2026

The *European Society for the Study of English* (ESSE) will gather from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for a conference in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The event will include a variety of lectures, roundtables, seminars, and a Doctoral Symposium.

Find more information in the document attached!

## Our Recommendations

### How educators can use AI

Alicia Bankhofer, an educator in English and Digital Competences, published the fourth part of a four-part series about Using AI in the English classroom.

Read it here: [How students can use generative AI - by Alicia Bankhofer](#)

### Toolkit Motivation and Social Learning

Oxford University Press published a free toolkit on Motivation and Social learning. It is print-ready and designed to strengthen communication and motivation as well as to help build a

supportive learning community. The toolkit is suitable from upper primary age to adulthood. The aim of these resources is to help you...

- ... better understand your learners and meet their needs.
- ... build positive teacher-student and peer relationships.
- ... help learners feel valued and a sense of belonging.

Find out more here: [Toolkit Social Learning](#)

### **Tales from the Front - What Teachers Are Telling Me at AI Workshops**

In her latest post, Alicia Bankhofer shares honest, eye-opening stories from the classroom, showing what teachers are really dealing with today. From juggling AI tools to handling emotional stress, she gives us a real look at the highs and lows of teaching. It's heartfelt, relatable, and definitely worth a read.

Check it out here: [Tales from the Front](#) – you won't regret it!

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