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Joint Meeting

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Session Aims:

Explore the different avenues available to teachers who want to continue to develop professionally

Take away practical ideas to help us coordinate our teachers' development better





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What different things do we
do to keep professionally
developing?





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[Salma Ali](#) says:

[August 25, 2011 at 12:23 pm](#)

It takes years to be a craftsman but it doesn't require ongoing development, one can apply what he's learned for years with little updates according to the tools he deals with. On the other hand, if one ignores training and developing himself in his profession, he will lag behind his colleagues.





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What different things can
we do to keep
professionally developing?





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Initial Qualifications:
(TKT)
Profesorado
Celta, IHC
ICELT





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Further Teacher Training Courses:

Specialist courses

IHW O TTI courses

Delta Modules





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Further Teacher Training Courses:

Specialist courses:

Technology

Younger Learners

Business English

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Educational Management





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Further Teacher Training Courses:

IHW O TTI courses:

Certificate in Teaching Younger Learners
and Teenagers

Certificate in Advanced Methodology

Certificate in Business English

Certificate in 121 Teaching

Certificate in Online Tutoring

Certificate in Language Awareness

Certificate in DoS Skills





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Further Teacher Training Courses:

Delta Module 1

Understanding Language, Methodology and
Resources for Teaching

Delta Module 2

Developing Professional Practice

Delta Module 3

Extending Practice and FL T Specialism





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Being observed:

Coordinator

Peer

Self





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Observing:

More experienced colleagues

Less experienced colleagues

Teachers in other situations

Video observation

Recording yourself





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Extending your experience:

Teach new levels

Use new course books

Teach new contexts

Use new resources





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Read, read, read:
Methodology books
ELT journals
Internet articles
PLN blogs





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Action research



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Action research:

Action research is about:

putting ideas into practice

enabling self-improvement

focusing on a single case in a specific situation

increasing knowledge about curriculum, teaching,
and learning

improving the quality of what happens in the
classroom and school



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Action research:

Action research aims:

to bring about change

to find solutions to the problem in focus

to encourage teachers to compare methods and ideas with a critical eye

to encourage teachers to adopt new ideas into their teaching environment

to engage teachers in their teaching in a deeper way

to raise teacher's awareness of theory



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Action research:

Action research example hypotheses:

What benefits were there on teaching the phonetic chart thoroughly to a class of 12-13 year olds?

To identify what activities work best with pre-primary age YLs.

Will my students get better marks in FCE listening if they listen to a song before?

What effects will teaching my Intermediate teens (14-17) a few colloquial expressions each class have on their speaking fluency?





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Action research:

Plan of action

What is my hypothesis?

Which class am I going to put it into action with?

Which class will be my control group?

What am I actually going to do?

How am I going to collect the data?

How will I know if I have proved my hypothesis?





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Experimental practice





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Experimental practice:

Suggestopedia

Community Language Learning

TBL

Lexical Approach

Silent Way

Drilling

Dictogloss





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Student feedback





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Student feedback:

Written forms

Writing tasks

Individual tutorials

Group speaking tasks

Facebook likes

Parent's day





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Attend workshops:
Publishers
Ministry of Education
Bookshops
Institutes
Individuals





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Attend conferences:

IH Teachers Online Conference

25.11.11

FAAPI (Tucuman 2011)

Share convention (BsAs 2012)

Pro-T (BsAs 2012)

IATEFL (Glasgow 2012)

LABCI (Peru 2013)





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Talk to colleagues

Join internet forums

Comment on blogs





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Share and share alike:

Talk to colleagues:

In the staffroom

In school workshops

Admin meetings

Listen too!





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OneStopEnglish

PearsonELT

British Council





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amuseamuses.wordpress.com

eltmythtakes.wordpress.com

[Brad Patterson blog.edulang.com](http://BradPatterson.blog.edulang.com)

[Wily Cardozo authenticteaching.wordpress.com](http://WilyCardozo.authenticteaching.wordpress.com)

scottthornbury.wordpress.com

mikejharrison.com

cecilialcoelho.wordpress.com





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Get social:

Twitter

Facebook

PLNs (Personal Learning
Networks)

Blogs





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Twitter:

#eltchat

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@Harmerj @Shaunwilden

@NikPeachey @vickysaumell

@thornburyscott @ELTExperiences

@brad5patterson @CeciELT

@LukeMeddings @theteacherjames

@vickyloras @shellterrell @Icelandfield





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<http://www.facebook.com/groups/teachersfromtheamericas/>

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/122781384529/> (Teachers)

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/135856743151641/>

(Profesores y academias de ingles)

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/192561054118499/> (Better
education for a better future)

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-House-Buenos-Aires-International-Training/155421181186471>





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Personal Learning Networks

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Blogs:

Wordpress

Blogspot

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Go high tech:
Virtual conferences
EFL websites
Try new techno tricks





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Go high tech:
Virtual conferences:
Virtual Round Table
Slanguages 2012
RSCON4





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Go high tech:

EFL websites:

Find links through twitter and blogs

Start with major publishers?





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Go high tech:

Try new techno tricks:

Blogging

Twitter

Slideshare

Webdocs

Wallwisher

Facebook

Google +





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Get up there:
Lead a development session in
your school
Give a conference workshop





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Get up there:

Lead a development session in your
school:

Something you did in class (AR/EP)

Something you saw at a conference

Something you know a lot about

Something new and unknown

With a like-minded partner

Based on other PD experiences





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Write some materials:

For yourself

Share with colleagues

Upload to the internet

Send to a publisher





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Make friends in publishing:

Pilot coursebooks

Review coursebooks

Contribute to coursebooks





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Become an Oral Examiner:
Cambridge Main Suite Exams
Trinity college
Anglia examinations





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Improve your English:
Study at IH!
Cambridge Main Suite Exams –
CAE, CPE





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Ask questions?
At school
Online
Here and now!





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Give feedback:
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To your peers
To your managers
To me!





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The End

Thank you very much.

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