

8:40AM — 18:00PM

MINSK, BELARUS

MAY 31, 2025 SATURDAY

Teacher Empowerment Day

Join us for a day of inspiration and growth.
Get ready to connect, learn, and
empower your teaching journey!



8:40 — 9:20 AM: REGISTRATION

Location: Central Hall

Start your day with a warm welcome and pick up your conference materials.

Meet & Greet

Connect with fellow educators and build new professional relationships.

Compliance, regulations, and essential best practices in education business for selfemployed, individual entrepreneurs and legal entities.

Stay ahead with insights into the latest teaching trends and methodologies in language education with 26 lectors.

Navigate legal challenges to strengthen your educational organization.



9:20 — 9:30 AM: OPENING SPEECH



Location: Plenary Hall

Welcome remarks from Galina Kaptiug and Mel Rogers.

Setting the Tone

Kick off the day with inspiration for teachers' empowerment.

Galina Kaptiug

CEO and Founder of Moonlight Language School, Cambridge Celta holder, Cambridge Delta holder, Teacher Trainer, Material Designer, Regular Speaker at ELT Events

Mel Rogers, Wales

Founder and investor of Online Class. Former Honorary Consul of the British Embassy in Belarus

9:30 — 10:30 AM: PLENARY SESSION**Key Topics**

Compliance, regulations, and essential best practices in education business for self-employed, individual entrepreneurs and legal entities.

Why It Matters

Navigate legal challenges to strengthen your educational organization.

**Legal Aspects of Educational Business****Dmitry Mironov**

Head of Supervisory Control in Education, The State Control Committee

Dmitry will talk about what to expect in the private teaching sector in the near future, comment on the regulations regarding educational activities, and discuss new laws that will be introduced in Belarus.

10:30 — 10:40 AM: BREAK TIME**10:40 — 11:00 AM: Q&A SESSION**

Questions and Answers Session by Dmitry Mironov

Take a chance to ask Dmitry questions regarding the development of educational programs and all other aspects of running a private business in the field of education, as well as inquire about methods of control and inspections.

STREAM 1

The magic of turning any exercise into a no prep engaging activity**Anna Podoliaka**

Cambridge Celta holder, game designer and gaming teacher, material writer and methodologist.

Exercises. We complete, check, correct, and rewrite them with persistent regularity. Whether or not our students love them does not really matter as they are a must. Luckily, the set of the provided activities can turn virtually any exercise from just-another-boring activity-that-has-to-be done into a challenging, intriguing, and creative adventure!

Join in and enjoy!

STREAM 2

My review of and experience with Jamie Keddie's book "Seven Ways to Curiosify Your Students"**Volha Sak**

EFL Teacher, MA in Philology, Delta holder, CELTA holder

As teachers, we often notice when students are most engaged, highlighting curiosity as a key ingredient in learning. Jamie Keddie's book "Seven Ways to Curiosify Your Students" explores how curiosity can be sparked on demand.

In my talk, I will share practical strategies to capture students' attention and enhance their learning experiences.

STREAM 3

Make It Stick — Revise and ImprovAlse!



Svetlana Kukharevich

English teacher, material designer and positive educator with a passion for creating engaging learning experiences.

Ready to refresh your vocabulary revision routine? Join 'Revise and ImprovAlse' to discover how AI can help you create smarter, faster, and more engaging vocabulary activities that stick. Perfect for busy teachers who want fresh ideas and practical tools for meaningful revision.

STREAM 4

Tweaking Materials for Business English



Tatiana Varabyeva

English teacher, material designer and positive educator with a passion for creating engaging learning experiences.

Tweaking isn't just editing. It's transforming irrelevant exercises into career-boosting tools! Recycling and tweaking materials for Business English lessons help focus on professional needs, enhance job-specific communication and practical language skills.

We'll consider the ways of «lifting» course book activities off the page, tailoring authentic business texts (new articles, company profiles, memos, case studies), revising existing materials and designing new video ones.

STREAM 5 **Competitor Analysis Made Easy****Natalia Kaliuzina**

ELT teacher, mentor, Head of Educational Centre, Master of Arts, CELTA holder, 20 years' experience

Language courses are a product that every year find their customer. However, these very customers don't settle down just in one place, they look for a company that is «their fit». How does it work? Why is it important to know and understand? Why, how and when do we conduct a competitor analysis?

Tools and work experience will be shared generously in this talk.

11:55 — 12:10 AM: COFFEE BREAK

STREAM 1

Gamification in Education: From Idea To Project



Tatiana Ibraghimova

ESL teacher SEE Secondary school №25, Borisov

In this workshop I'll show how to use «Baamboozle» and «Blooket» to increase the cognitive interest of students. You will get acquainted with the system of communication exercises with the elements of gamification and determine their effectiveness in teaching speaking.

You'll get the chance to update your knowledge of gamification, its advantages in the educational process and to demonstrate experience in implementing a system of communication exercises.

STREAM 2

Remote In-Company Business English: A Case Study



Maxim Zhbankov

MSLU Teacher, Interpreter, Corporate Teacher, CELTA holder

In-company ESP teaching may be pretty demanding, and require you to wear all sorts of hats, given the variety of purposes you have to deal with and the need to being able to understand the needs in each individual case and deliver accordingly while keeping up with the overall company activities. Doing so remotely comes with its own set of challenges and opportunities.

In this talk, the speaker will provide an overview of his corporate teaching practice from a variety of perspectives including the teaching approach, the required background knowledge, and the tech/infrastructural side including your own equipment and leveraging the company's internal communication tools.

STREAM 3

Behind the Teacher: Presence, Authenticity and the Real Connection in the Classroom



Alina Starikovich

Cambridge Celta Tutor, Teacher Training Psychologist

What happens when we shift our attention from teaching techniques to the presence behind them?

In this interactive session, we'll explore how the teacher's state of being — not just their methods — influences the learning experience. Together we'll reflect on the «inner posture» of the teacher, experiment with short awareness practices, and discuss how presence and authenticity foster deeper, more human connections in class and outside it.

This session invites participants to look beyond roles and rediscover the joy of living from within.

STREAM 4

Teaching Smarter: Making Learning Effective & Enjoyable with Evidence-Based Practices



Marina Sheremet

Cambridge Celta holder, Mentor, Teacher trainer

You know how to make your teaching more effective and your students happier using evidence-based practices. In the session we'll explore research-backed strategies like retrieval practice, spaced repetition, and formative feedback, while debunking common teaching myths.

Through practical examples and collaborative activities, you will learn how to apply these insights directly to your classrooms. We'll also discuss ways to balance academic challenge with student well-being, creating a motivating and supportive learning environment.

You will leave with concrete ideas and an action plan to implement right away.

STREAM 5

Should we tell our students why the Present Perfect is called the Present Perfect?



Irina Kuzminova

Founder of AstraEnglishClub and Astra School, co-author of books on English grammar, IELTS expert, Over 30 years of teaching experience

If your students struggle with building up the system of English tenses, it is time for you to reveal a secret — why the tenses are called the way they are called. This groundbreaking knowledge will navigate your students not only through the sea of tenses, but also through the whole system of the English verb.

12:55 — 14:00 PM: LUNCH BREAK



STREAM 1

Stimulating Creativity in Speaking**Heather Rice**

Native Speaker, English teacher, Master's Degree in Linguistics, Cambridge Celta holder

In this workshop I'd like to share with you my best tricks of the trade on how to make your students speak nonstop.

Through interactive exercises and cleverly thought out tasks, you will learn how to create a dynamic classroom environment that encourages students to think outside the box and speak more than you could even imagine.

By the end of the session, you will leave with a toolkit of creative resources to enhance your students' speaking skills and boost confidence in communication.

STREAM 2

NeuroGames in every ELT class**Katsiaryna Surzhenka**

Director of Studies, ELT teacher, neurolinguist, teacher trainer

Join me for a dynamic workshop on integrating Neurogames into English classes. Discover how these innovative, game based learning tools harness cognitive science to enhance student engagement and retention. You will explore various Neurogames, design tailored activities for your classrooms, and share best practices for implementation.

Transform your teaching with the power of Neurogames!

STREAM 3

Phonics — Think Outside the Box**Marina Gil**

ESL teacher at BriTannia'School.

Presents in the Category Rising Stars

This presentation is intended to share the techniques of how to use Jolly Phonics strategy for teaching and developing children's English literacy. I'll demonstrate how Jolly Phonics method gives children the impression that learning English is fun and easy. You'll see how each sound becomes alive through a blend of music, movement and storytelling that sparks young imaginations and kids become eager learners and more interested in learning English language. Nowadays Jolly Phonics is the way to develop English literacy as a crucial requirement for the children to survive and success both in educational and social lives.

STREAM 4

The Art of Creating Engaging Activities**Olga Zheludkevich**

Young teacher at BriTannia'School.

Presents in the Category Rising Stars

I invite you to join a dynamic workshop titled "The Art of Creating Engaging Activities." In the first part, I will share a proven formula for effective activities along with strategies I've developed to ensure every learning experience is impactful in a linguistic context. The second part will focus on practical methods for activity creation, allowing participants to try their hand at crafting engaging activities in real-time.

With seven years of teaching experience at BriTannia'School, I'm excited to share my insights and help you elevate your teaching practice!

STREAM 5

Teaching IELTS Reading & Listening – Dos and Don'ts



Maria Demenchuk

IELTS-certified tutor with 30+ years of teaching experience and international qualifications.

Preparing students for the IELTS exam? Feeling overwhelmed by the endless advice out there? Let's simplify it for you!

Join the workshop and discover how to teach IELTS Reading and Listening skills effectively — while avoiding common pitfalls.

In this session, you'll learn:

- Proven strategies to boost your students' band scores
- Key mistakes to avoid when teaching receptive skills
- Practical techniques to help learners tackle exam challenges confidently
- Useful websites and resources

Join the workshop and walk away with actionable tips to guide your students toward their target scores!

14:45 — 14:55 PM: SMALL BREAK



STREAM 1

How to Make an Awesome Lesson Using Rubbish: Use, Reuse, Recycle



Natalia Maksimuk

ESL Teacher, 20 years' experience Material Writer Baranovichi

There are days when we are tired of gadgets and the sound of a printer, when we don't want to spend much time preparing for a lesson.

It is high time we used unusual ways to engage the students in the learning process. What can we use?! Simple things like paper, plastic glasses, markers, stickers, newspapers, candles, water, etc. Magic ways to change rubbish into learning materials.

If you mostly work online my workshop will be incredibly useful for you. Welcome to 45 min of practice!

STREAM 2

Lexical Approach to WineGlish



Ivan Novik

MSLU teacher, Interpreter, Corporate Teacher

Teaching vocabulary can feel overly complicated, but why not keep it simple?

This workshop will show you how to boost students' confidence and expand their vocabulary, making English fluency achievable and the teaching process more enjoyable.

STREAM 3

How to motivate students – Intrinsically and Extrinsically



Richard Fisher

USA certified Teacher with 25+ years of experience

How do you motivate young students who don't see their own future?

After 12 years of teaching American high school students, I am ready to share powerful strategies that excite even the most lethargic teen!



STREAM 4

From Zero to Hero



Tania Razmyslovich

English teacher, Freelancer, Columnist at nastavnica.by

A teacher enjoys working with strong and highly motivated students. But it's teaching weak students that really helps a teacher to fulfill their potential.

I'm ready to share my ideas and techniques that I implement for teaching weak students. You'll become aware of how to turn a weak student into a confident person who appreciates what you do.

From zero to hero!

STREAM 5

Maximising Student Learning**Tatsiana Yakutsina**

*Aspect Language and Examination Centre Founder,
Cambridge DELTA holder, Cambridge Celta holder*

This session invites you to rethink the balance between teaching and learning.

We'll explore how to shift attention from refining our methods and experimenting with materials to genuinely supporting student learning. Through a range of practical micro-techniques, we'll discover ways to make learning more visible, intentional, and impactful.

Join us to reflect, refocus, and equip yourself with tools to maximize outcomes in your classroom.

15:40 — 16:00 PM: COFFEE BREAK

STREAM 1

Teaching as Business. How to Retain Well-Paying Clients



Yakubets-Yakubchik Alexandra

Business English Expert, Course Designer, Material Writer

With a solid dose of enthusiasm, strong expertise, and a strong social media presence, attracting clients may not be the hardest part —but keeping them long- term to ensure steady profit is. In this workshop, I'll share practical tips to help you retain well- paying students and build lasting professional relationships.

STREAM 2

Task-Based Learning with Young Learners



Maria Demenchuk

IELTS-certified tutor with 30+ years of experience and international qualifications

Master one of the hottest ELT trends of 2024, TBLT is an approach that encourages students to actively use language as a tool for achieving a goal, regardless of level.

Thanks to the method, teachers identify the educational needs of students and ensure more effective development of productive skills.

At the workshop we will delve into: Challenges of using TBLT with elementary and middle school students. Examples of tasks that correspond to different levels of development and abilities of students. How and when to use these tasks to develop language skills.

STREAM 3

Hogwarts for Teachers: AI as Your Personal Dobby for Smarter Prep and Classroom Magic



Olga Slepitsa

IB English Teacher UNESCO programme coordinator

Teaching is a lot like magic—it requires creativity, adaptability, and endless energy. But even the best educators sometimes need a little «house-elf» assistance to handle lesson planning, grading, and classroom management.

In this engaging session, we'll explore how AI can be your loyal Dobby, taking care of essential tasks so you can focus on what truly matters: inspiring your students.

STREAM 4

How to Nail Cambridge Exams



Olga Loutsevich

25 years of teaching experience, Cambridge Celta holder, CYLT and CAE holder

Join my engaging teacher training workshop exploring the competitive advantages of Cambridge Exams compared to IELTS.

You will discover that Cambridge Exams provide a broader range of assessment options, catering to different proficiency levels through various exams (e.g., FCE, CAE, CPE). We'll delve into the unique features of the Cambridge framework, including real-world application.

I aims to equip you with effective strategies to leverage these advantages in their teaching practices, ultimately improving student outcomes and satisfaction. Take a chance to enhance your professional skills!

STREAM 5

English at the Tips of the Brushes: Art Phenomena in Teaching ESL



Uliana Danilchyk

An ESL teacher at BriTannia'School, currently studying at Belarusian State University.

Present in the Category Rising Stars

In this talk, I will demonstrate how to transform lessons into immersive quests by blending museums and art. You'll learn practical strategies for integrating language learning into unconventional formats, see concrete examples from our museum-based activities, and discover how these approaches deepen children's engagement, foster critical thinking, and help them truly grasp concepts through experiential, story-driven learning.

16:45 — 17:00 PM: BREAK TIME

17:00 — 17:45 PM: CLOSING PLENARY



Natasha Sedounova

Author of Magic Box, CELTA tutor, local DELTA tutor

Graduated from Linguistic University in 1983, worked at College N24 as a teacher of English. In 2002 became Director of Studies at IH Minsk, then worked at EPAM.

17:45 — 18:00 PM: SWAP SHOP & RAFFLE



Andi Akwa, Nigeria

If you were in two minds and couldn't attend all the workshops, take this chance to learn about your colleagues' experience. Andi is going to run the swap shop so that you could get a better picture of what was happening in each workshop

I SPEAK FOREIGN LANGUAGES!



**18:00 PM : Closing Ceremony and
Awarding Certificates**

Thank You for Joining Us!

We hope you found the day inspiring.
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