

# News and information

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## Supporting professional development

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** 

## **Trinity IATEFL scholarship winners**

### Learning about great classroom practice

Starting this month, in the newsletters leading up to the **IATEFL 2018** Conference, we'll be introducing you to a Trinity IATEFL scholarship winner. This month, we're featuring the work of the TESOL scholarship winner, Peter Browning. Peter's IATEFL conference talk will explore his experience training pre-service teachers in Colombia.

During his time in Columbia, Peter noticed that some teachers were becoming disenchanted with an increasingly 'technocratic' approach to teacher training, where training was being seen as synonymous with learning 'methodologies' and 'best practice'. To help remedy this, Peter turned to sociolinguistic concepts as a way to promote the **reflexivity** that he believes is central to our profession.

Based on research into this area, Peter will share the scheme of work he developed for working with pre-service teachers, sharing both his and their experiences. Peter will also suggest ways in which the use of sociolinguistic concepts and reflexive practice can be implemented in different contexts. You may have seen posts from the **TEFL Training Institute** on Linked in or Facebook. They're by a group of experienced teachers and trainers who offer great advice about teaching and career development. As well as a blog and podcast site, there's a collection of videos showing teachers working with learners of different ages. The most recent blog about teaching mixed ability classes is a must for anyone who has to meet the many and varied demands of classes comprising different levels of learner. This multiplatform site is great for those looking to improve their practice and get ideas about how to develop and progress to the next stage in their career.

#### New worksheets available to support video training

In October we launched a series of 'Introduction to Assessment Literacy' videos on our YouTube channel. Since then we've published additional resources in the form of accompanying worksheets. These are all available in one page in the <u>TESOL Professional</u> <u>Development</u> section of our website.



These resources can be used by teachers and centre managers for self-study, CPD at your centre, or for integration into existing teacher education courses.

There are 12 study worksheets, one for each of the 12 assessment literacy areas covered in the videos. Each worksheet has pre-, during- and post-viewing activities, along with website recommendations and further reading for those who want to learn more. Designed for teachers who are preparing for in-service qualifications like the **DipTESOL**, or even for post-diploma training work, these worksheets are great for people learning more about assessment and its place in the classroom.



### Your chance to win a CertTESOL Companion guide

Throughout this month we're running a prize draw promotion alongside our regular **Facebook promotions** for Trinity's CertTESOL encouraging potential trainees to download the syllabus and search for courses.

Three lucky winners from the prize draw will each receive a free copy of Jason Anderson's CertTESOL Companion guide published by Delta. The promotion starts this week and runs until 4pm on 3 January 2018. Winners will be announced on 13 February. **Enter now...** 

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