

MISSION STATEMENT

SPELT's mission statement is to provide a professional forum for its members and practitioners teaching English as a Foreign / Second language to facilitate effective communication and improve the teaching / learning standards of English in Pakistan.

TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL

- SPELT organises academic sessions, professional development programmes and teacher-research
- SPELT networks with sister organisations worldwide to disseminate & share ideas and methodologies appropriate for the local situation
- SPELT produces high quality contextually suitable materials to support the professional development of its members
- SPELT collaborates with Government agencies to develop textbooks for the public sector
- SPELT actively supports environmental, peace and human rights issues through its published materials and workshops

SPELT ACTIVITIES: Update Karachi (other Chapters/ Units run similar programs)

- **404** academic sessions held every last Saturday of the month since 1984
- **2012** short courses on vital issues in English Language Teaching
- **25** year-long courses titled **Practical Teacher Training Course (PTTC)**
- **27** Certificate courses (COTE) now **ICELT International Certificate in English Language Teaching Cambridge University, UK.**
- **33** International **conferences** which reach out to over 3000 teachers
- **33 Quarterly Journal** 4 times a year since 1985 provides support to teachers throughout Pakistan
- Teacher initiated research projects with British Council, Pakistan and TESOL USA
- **Hornby Summer Schools** in Pakistan, 2003-05: In collaboration with the British Council and CEL, AKU
- At the SPELT Annual Conference 2008. Introducing the Urdu strand for the fourth time in Pakistan
- **Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program:** A project of Education Department, Government of Sindh, in which 375 government teachers and 6000 educated, unemployed youth were trained in ELT, pedagogy, leadership, science, math and English proficiency.
- In collaboration with **Ed Links** trained 425 teachers in English Language Proficiency and Communication Skills in Sindh and Baluchistan
- Teachers play a crucial role in creating consciousness, changing attitudes and influencing behaviours. To attain the core aims of education, Society of Pakistan English Language Teachers (SPELT) organized a two day conference "**I am Karachi, Teach for Peace**".
The aim of this conference was to make a conscious effort in raising awareness in educators, parents and students, about key issues and basics of peace education, non-violent social interactions, diversity and tolerance, etc. The conference exposed teachers to transformative experiences equipping them with practical activities to promote peace education in the classroom, school and in turn in the society.

Organizational Structure

National Organization: Head Office, Karachi

Chapters

Islamabad, Lahore and Abbottabad

Units

Sukkur and Peshawar

Structure:

Non-hierarchical; seven chapter coordinators with sub-committees.

Working Committee:

Meets once a month, in addition to sub-committee meetings at least once a month.

Finance:

Self generated through conferences projects, course fees and advertisements.

Accounts: Audited annually by a chartered accountants firm.

Elections:

Elections are held every December, for 2 year term posts of coordinators, who can be re-elected for a second term only. (Members vote to fill three positions in one year and four positions the next year.

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