

FROM THE SPELT DESK

The year 2018 is coming to a close. So, this will be the last e-Bulletin of the year, and it's the moment to think, review and reflect about SPELT's future directions, and what we as members of SPELT need to do.

SPELT began this bulletin, hoping to hear voices of SPELTers across the country and have the opportunity to be a closer-knit community in sharing ideas as well as concerns. SPELT through its superb volunteers, has done the excellent pioneering job of bringing ELT to the forefront of the educational scenario in Pakistan. It has promoted the idea that it is essential to train teachers to teach English through methodologically sound strategies and techniques. Also, SPELT has made an effort through its educational initiatives, to dispel the notion that just having mastery over English language is enough for efficient delivery of teaching of English. Therefore professional training in the field is important. Thus SPELT as an organization has played a pivotal role in professionalizing the approach to English language teaching in Pakistan.

What needs to be done for continued sustainability of SPELT? Since the membership is the backbone of an organization, therefore we as members need to play a proactive and positive role to sustain SPELT and take it to greater heights in the years to come. One of the best ways to do this is to attend the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM), in which SPELT volunteer teams, working on different SPELT activities share their year's progress. As a routine, the achievements of the year, goals for next year as well as the issues and challenges being currently faced are placed on the table at the AGM, important decisions are taken, and resolutions are approved.

As a SPELT member, your participation will mean a lot to those who have sacrificed their time and energy the whole year round to meet your expectations and needs. AGM is also the forum where your voice can be heard about any suggestions and ideas you may have about what/how things should be done or not done in SPELT.

You are cordially invited to attend the 34th SPELT AGM 2018..... come and make a difference!

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SPELT

**INNOVATIONS
IN ELT
FUTURE
DIRECTIONS**

35th SPELT
International Conference 2019

KARACHI 28th - 30th October, 2019	LAHORE 2nd - 3rd November, 2019	ISLAMABAD 2nd - 3rd November, 2019	ABBOTTABAD 9th-10th November, 2019
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SPELT Working Committee Updates

Workshop Committee

Enhancing ELT Skills Course

Workshop subcommittee is happy to inform readers that ‘Enhancing ELT Skills’, tailor-made course for MSB has been successfully concluded. The course duration was 45 hours spread over August to November utilizing Mainly Fridays and Saturdays. The management and participants were pleased with the quality of the learning event and acknowledged that it had been a wonderfully enlightening learning experience for them.

Future events

The last workshop for 2018 will be conducted on Dec 21. 2018 from 3-6. The title of the workshop is, “Contextualized Vocabulary for Secondary School Learners”

The session will be conducted by Shumaila Omar.

Plans for January and February 2019.

Date	Workshop leader	Topic
January 2019	Rehmat Ebrahim	Learn to lead; teach to lead.
February 2019	Zehra Gheewala	Differentiated Instruction – Dealing with mixed ability classrooms.

Academic Committee

FREE ACADEMIC SESSION


LIFE SKILLS FOR PROFESSIONALS

Saturday, December 29, 2018

3:00 PM to 4:15 PM

At SPELT Head Office

101, first floor, Plot No. C-28,
Khe-Ittehad, Lane 12 Phase II Ext.
DHA, Karachi.



TRAINER:
Ms. Rehmat Ebrahim

SPELT Shares News

Fatima Shahabuddin and Zakia Sarwar

Pakistan TESOL Affiliate, SPELT shares news of using innovative strategies to meet daunting challenges in a country with limited resources. Details about the unique travelling conference, that allows presenters to present at conferences in three cities of Pakistan, are also included. Read more at

<http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/tesolalc/issues/2018-10-12/email.html>

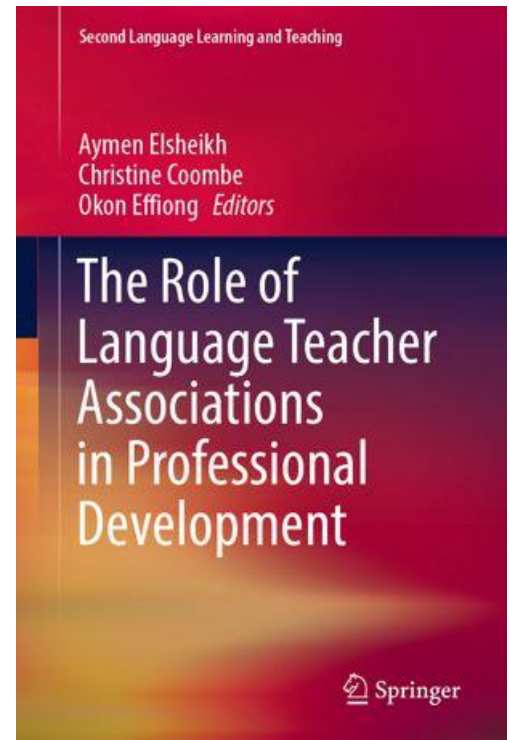
Killing Two Birds with One Stone: SPELT's Professional Development Programs by *Fauzia Shamim & Zakia Sarwar*, in

[The Role of Language Teacher Associations in Professional Development](#) pp 87-103

ABSTRACT

One of the major functions of language teacher associations is to provide a range of professional development opportunities for its members (Lamb, [2012](#); Paran, [2016](#)). Accordingly, the Society of Pakistan English Language Teachers (SPELT) offers a variety of programs including monthly workshops, the annual conference, and short and long-term training courses. SPELT, like other language teacher associations, is also run by volunteer members. One of the problems faced by language teacher associations is the dearth of volunteers willing to spend time and effort on organizational work (Gomez, [2011](#)). However, in SPELT, an interesting observation through the years has been that many of the participants of SPELT's long-term professional development program (the International Certificate in English Language Teaching or ICELT), offer their services as volunteers for the organization at the completion of their program. Normally, they start as members of a sub-committee and then, as they hone their leadership skills, they move up to important leadership positions in the SPELT working committee. This chapter investigates the impact of the ICELT program on participants' personal and professional skills and attitudes and their motivation and experience of their volunteer work with SPELT. Semi-structured interviews were conducted with 6 ICELT participants turned teacher leaders; all of them started their professional journey as ICELT participants and are now serving the profession as leaders through the SPELT platform, and/or in the broader teaching-learning scenario in Pakistan.

To access the book on the website, please go to <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-00967-0>



Lahore: Collaboration with FCCU

Session by Dr Layzer and Dr Sharkey at Forman Christian College, University (FCCU) on Nov. 8, 2018

In keeping with a long standing relationship and spirit of collaboration with Forman Christian College, University, Lahore, the international experts /guests of SPELT, Dr. Judy Sharkey and Dr. Carolyn Layzer, conducted a 2 hour session on the campus.

It was a very well attended session. 55 FCCU faculty across various disciplines and another 6 from outside FCCU attended the session (Kinniard College, Lahore College Women University and SPELT organizers).

Joseph Sun , the vice rector of FCCU thanked the participants, specially the two experts for conducting the session. SPELT was appreciated for its generosity. SPELT coordinator at Lahore, Dr Shireen Rahim was also acknowledged for her presence.



Feedback given by 26 participants was positive regards, content usefulness, and instructors knowledge and most identified the various aspects of the new learnings and its transfer ability to their classrooms and their researches.

Dr. Layzer is a Senior Associate at Abt Associates, Inc., in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. Dr. Layzer has conducted evaluations of early learning programs and process and implementation studies of a variety of educational programs. Prior to joining Abt, Dr. Layzer taught EFL in Africa, the Americas, and East Asia.

Judy Sharkey is an Associate Professor, Education Department at the University of New Hampshire, Durham. And she has over 35 published books, journal articles, book chapter, e chapters, research monographs/documents etc.

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SANJAN NAGAR PUBLIC EDUCATION TRUST



Collaborates with SPELT for Teacher Development

Engaging the Disengaged Learner

Workshop by *Beth Trudell* in Sanjan Nagar Trust Higher Secondary School

Sanjan Nagar hosted 3 hours spelt workshop 'Engaging the Disengaged Learners' by International trainer Beth Trudell on November 8, 2018. The workshop started at 10:00 am. Total attendees were 35 from different institutions like Adabistan-e-Soofia, different campuses of Beaconhouse in Lahore, Le'cole Mondiale, TNS, Hope Uplift Foundation, ITA and Sanjan Nagar Public Education Trust. The workshop began with an activity of using paper pins to hook everybody's attention in their respective groups. Beth shared and discussed a booklet of different techniques of students' engagement. Moreover she focused on the motivation and active learning that together engage the disengaged learners. She also recommended a book to the teachers titled "Student Engagement Techniques by Elizabeth F. Barkley." Overall, this interactive workshop involved all the participants and enriched their experience to use the productive techniques of student engagement in their class rooms to enhance the learning of their students.

At the end certificates were distributed by the trainer and lunch was served.

The Sanjan Nagar Public Education Trust also arranged a sightseeing trip of Lahore for the guests of the SPELT Conference to provide them with a glimpse of Pakistan's rich history and heritage. The guests were really fascinated by the places they visited such as the walled city and Lahore fort or Shahi Qilla. The guests were later given a taste of the traditional food of Pakistan which was enjoyed by one and all.

Reported by Attiya Anwar.





Election Schedule for 2019-2020

The SPELT Election Committee Head Office, Karachi is pleased to announce the following election schedule:

Date	Day	Programme
November 3, 2018	Saturday	Announcement of Voter's List(updated)
November 10, 2018	Saturday	Objections (if any)
November 16, 2018	Friday	Announcement of the Final Voters List
November 17, 2018	Saturday	Filing of Nominations
November 24, 2018	Saturday	Announcement of First List of Candidates
December 1, 2018	Saturday	Objections (if any)
December 8, 2018	Saturday	Withdrawal of Candidates
December 29, 2018	Saturday	Election Day
December 29, 2018 Time: 4:30 p.m	Saturday	Election Results will be announced at Annual General Body Meeting, after the SPELT Academic Session.

SPELT Head Office

Posts declared vacant for working committee 2019-2020

Venue: SPELT Head Office, Karachi.

Election Convener: Saleem Ibrahim

1. Conference Coordinator 2. Programme Coordinator 3. Workshop Coordinator

Abbottabad Chapter

Posts declared vacant for Working Committee 2019 -2020,

Venue: Modernage School & College (Boys Campus) Jhangi Abbottabad

Election Convener: Mr. Abdul Wahid Mir

1. Academic Coordinator 2. Working committee Coordinator 3. Conference Coordinator

Lahore Chapter

Posts declared vacant for Working Committee 2019 -2020

Venue: Learning School of Lahore

Election Convener: Saman Mujahid

1. Academic Coordinator 2. Finance Coordinator

Islamabad Chapter

Posts declared vacant for Working Committee 2019 -2020

Venue: Fatima Jinnah Women University, Islamabad

Election Convener: Dr. Samina Qadir

1. Academic Coordinator 2. Conference Coordinator
3. Program Coordinator 4. Working Committee Coordinator

Please Note: The candidates filling in the forms for the post of a coordinator or for sub-committee members must either be a life member or submit three-year membership fee for the year 2019-2022 in advance along with a copy of the ID Card, two photographs, and a short CV.