

36th Anniversary 1984-2020

36 years of empowering teachers

CELEBRATING 36 YEARS OF EMPOWERING TEACHERS

MESSAGES FROM FOUNDER MEMBERS



ABBAS HUSSAIN

From July 1984 to July 2020, it has been a journey of wisdom. When I suggested the name SPELT, and it was unanimously accepted, I had no idea that we would all celebrate 36th anniversary together!

SPELT was the favourite go-to spot: the refuge one finds among the company of friends joined in a common cause. A refusal to let the past decide our future. When we stop complaining about the lack of resources, the large classes, the hollow curriculum we see that window of opportunity, the space of innovation, the chance to serve the students before us is always there. SPELT helps us to grasp that moment. With humour and expertise, it offers us a hand to lift ourselves up from self-pity to self-confidence, from isolation to presenting on ZOOM in an International Conference. With the planet in reset mode, SPELT like all NGOs faces the future with uncertainty and optimism. To everyone who was, is and will be a supporter of SPELT, best wishes!



ZAKIA SARWAR

Some times it seems like yesterday that we, that is, Fauzia, Abbas, and Aneesa made history by meeting at Fauzia's house in Nazimabad. We had met at an ELT conference, (the first ever such a conference in Pakistan) at the then UGC, Islamabad-now HEC. One year earlier and found ourselves to be kindred spirits, sharing similar views on how English should be taught in our country. When we met again next year, at the same conference, we bonded some more and suddenly realised we didn't need to be invited by a government department in another city to meet and discuss our teaching issues. So we got together at Fauzia's to work out what to do about the pathetic conditions of teaching English in our country. And we came up with the idea that forming a teachers' association to meet regularly, and sharing our experiences for our own professional development was the way to go. Abbas suggested the name SPELT, which we all liked immediately. To be inclusive, colleagues who worked with us in the first year of SPELT's inception, were all considered 'Founder Members' - indeed without them and the team work we did together, SPELT couldn't have survived. I salute all of them today. Kudos to the current leadership as they have taken SPELT one notch up and best of luck for the mega social get together and the invigorating panel discussion to mark SPELT's 36th anniversary-



FAUZIA SHAMIM

SPELT, established on July 17, 1984 has now come of age! I'm pleased to note the same sense of enthusiasm and excitement among both volunteer leaders and members as was felt by its' founder members 36 years ago.

And that's the secret of SPELT's success! It's heartening to note that SPELT continues to forge ahead to fulfill its vision and mission. New members regularly bring in innovative ideas and programs.

A recent example is SPELT's response to COVID-19. SPELT was among the first organizations to start a set of FREE webinars, both for members and non-members, to address teachers' emerging professional development needs and help them transfer their classes online in a hurry for continuity of students' learning.

Good luck to SPELT and SPELTers! May you continue to grow to further empower teachers in Pakistan!



TALAT RAFI KHAN

The 36, SPELT has come into its own! SPELT today, is a well established, internationally recognised and a remarkably efficacious organisation. SPELT today, is a solid platform for professionals to meet, collaborate, learn from each other and better prospects.

Congratulations to my founder friends, to those who joined in soon after and are working hard ever since.

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FARIDA FAIZULLAH



AMBERINA KAZI



Initially, when we used to discuss forming SPELT, we dreamed idealistically of an ever-learning, ever-growing group of Teachers of English who would help each other grow professionally. Today, SPELT's spirit of giving and learning together, has amassed thousands of English teachers from all cadres of education and from all over Pakistan. So we are definitely on

the right track and constantly alive to new needs of the times. It would not be an over statement to say that we have today achieved even more than we had initially dreamed of!!

HAPPY 36th BIRTHDAY SPELT AND HEARTY.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!
Ambreen Kazi

When I left Pakistan last year after attending the 35th conference, I thought it would probably be my last one. Little did I imagine that the Pandemic would give SPELT the opportunity to rise to the occasion and celebrate in style. The Virtual event is just another way of showing what SPELT can do. SPELT has come a long way since its founding in 1984. The founding members, lead by Prof. Zakia Sarwer, were indeed visionaries with long term goals for professional development of English language teachers. This unique, non hierarchical organization of volunteer teachers has evolved and worked with limited resources to achieve its objectives of enabling and empowering English language teachers, and make its place in the international ELT map. Long live SPELT!

Wishing SPELT greater successes in the years ahead.

ANEESA MUMTAZ



SPELT MEGA VIRTUAL 36TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!!
SPELT Working Committee cordially invites all SPELTers and SPELT friends to a Social Zoom Meet on its 36th Birthday

Date: Sunday, July 19, 2020
Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm (PKT)

Let's celebrate our friendship, camaraderie, team spirit, the best of life that connects us where we are... In these tough times, SPELT continues to light the bright Corners of Learning and Education.

Programme Format

- We begin with a celebratory musical performance
- MC invites participating guests and SPELTers to participate in a set order
- Surprise entertainment & games are interspersed through the meet

Note: All who wish to participate will be given a minute to present and may choose from the following entry:

- Give a message / recite poetry / share a joke / anecdote / sing a quizz
- We end on a high note of cake cutting and the birthday cheer!!

Send your choice of presentation to: Zakia Apara or Gul latest by 16th July 2020.

ATTIRE : FESTIVE
You're encouraged to decorate your surroundings with SPELT party elements.

Look forward to your active participation!

Host: SPELT Working Committee
Event MC: Prof. Zakia Sarwer
Technical Aide: Farheen Hassan
Event Coordinator: Gul Jaffri
BSP: Sadia Jamil, Humayun Qureshi, M. Talha

Join up, cheer up and let the party begin!

Join us for the Zoom Link on July 17

Link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/92542525252>
SA: Zakia Apara (0333-2754252) / Humayun Qureshi (0333-1100000)
MC: Gul Jaffri (0333-2754252) / Farheen Hassan (0333-1100000)

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in limited quantity for sale. Don't miss out a souvenir to cherish forever

Panel Discussion

Title: Role of Experience in Teachers' Professional Development

Date: July 24, 2020

Time: 4:00 to 6:00pm

Panelists



Abbas Husain

Director, Teachers
Development Centre,
Pakistan



Andrew Wright

Teacher Trainer, Author
UK/Hungary



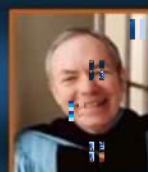
Alan Maley

Teacher Trainer, Author,
UK



Fauzia Shamim

Dean, Ziauddin University,
Pakistan



John Fanselow

Professor Emeritus
USA/Japan



Sajida Zaki

Chairperson, Humanities
Department, NED, Pakistan

Moderator



Prof. Zakia Serwar

Hon, Executive Director,
SPILT

Please register using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/tVsM9dPvr4rcDpdF6>

For details contact: 0333-3754250

Attend
Panel
Discussion
by our
esteemed
guests
[Click here](#)
for
registration

Academic Committee

Our monthly academic session

is always free on the last Saturday of every month

Topic of this month: Teaching English Pronunciation

Effectively

Date: 25th July 2020

Day: Saturday

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Ms. Aida Tasneem Zafar

Conference Committee
SPELT has organised its first ever virtual conference which is going to happen on 7th and 8th November 2020. Stay tuned for more details!



36th SPELT
International Conference 2020
Goes Virtual

November 7 & 8, 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

Journal Committee

Journal Committee is pleased to welcome authors to submit their research articles for their special issue on Engaging research on ELT which will be published in Dec' 2020.

For details and call for paper, please [click here](#)

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