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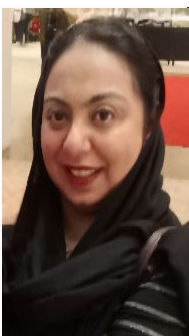
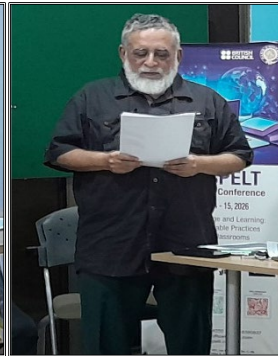
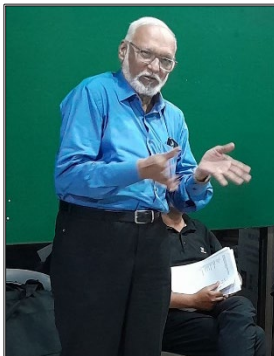
Oath Taking Ceremony

June 13, 2026

Report:

The Chairs of the SPELT OUTGOING Professional Councils presenting their annual reports for the year 2025-26, highlighting key achievements, initiatives, and future plans.

This was followed by the official announcement of results by Dr Fatima Dar, and Ms Mahmooda Asif, Chair and Secretary, nominating committee respectively. Ms Farah Kamal, the 3rd member of the committee was unable to attend as she was out of the country. Then they administered oath to the newly appointed Professional Councils (2026-28). Following are some glimpses from the Oath-Taking Ceremony.



Introducing the Recently Elected Professional Councils (July 1 2026- June 30 2028)

Professional Development Professional Council (PDPC)



Chair

Fariha Khalil Teacher educator with over a decade of experience in English language teaching, literacy development, and teacher training across school and higher education contexts. Fulbright scholar with dual Master's degrees from the University of Washington. Contributed actively to SPELT's Professional Development and Conference Council over the past two years, supporting impactful learning initiatives.



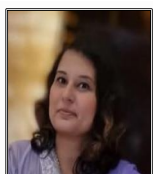
Sobia Begum is pursuing a Bachelor's in Education (B.Ed.) and is a dedicated English language educator with over 15 years of teaching experience. An ICELT-certified professional, she has presented workshops at the SPELT Conference and PACC. A proud SPELTer, she is committed to professional growth, teacher development, and excellence in English language education.

Associate Chair



Gul e Zehra is a passionate educator with a B.Ed in Science & English. She is currently teaching at Khaatoon e Pakistan Government Girls School, where she emphasizes nurturing curiosity, and critical thinking. Her teacher philosophy centers on inspiring students to explore, question, and express themselves with confidence.

Volunteer Member



Samra Adeel holds a master's in English literature and a Bachelor's in Linguistics, with Cambridge certifications in English Language Teaching and Educational Leadership. With over a decade of experience teaching O and A Level English and serving in school leadership roles, she specializes in teacher training, curriculum development, and professional development initiatives.

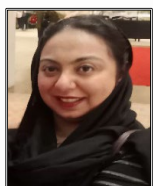
Volunteer Member



Sharjeena Khokhar is a dedicated educator with a B.Ed. in Social Studies and English. She teaches at Khatoon-e-Pakistan Government Girls School and promotes inclusive, learner-centered classrooms. She has worked as a Content Review Associate for the Taleemabad Project at AKU-IED and is currently an Academic Coordinator and Co-Trainer at Teach Learning Dimensions, supporting teacher development and training initiatives.

Volunteer Member

Conference Professional Council (CPC)



Chair

Raabia Hirani holds master's degrees in English Literature (Karachi University), Comparative Literature (Queen Mary University of London), and Educational Leadership & Management (SZABIST). With over 15 years of experience in teaching, curriculum development, and assessment nationally and internationally, she works as a consultant for the AKU-EB, Alsama, and British Council, contributing to academic quality assurance; curriculum and assessment development. She's a member of TESOL International and Lifetime Member of SPELT, serving on the Conference Professional Council since 2023.



Associate Chair

Bushra Taqi is an experienced educational leader and Principal of HHS School System – Society Campus, Karachi. She is passionate about teacher development, research-based practices along with AI Integration and innovative learning approaches. With extensive experience in educational leadership, she actively contributes to professional learning communities and initiatives that promote quality education and lifelong learning.



Member

Faiqa Baig holds a master's degree in English and certifications in ICELT and TEFL. She is also a certified Train the Trainer, skilled in conducting meaningful and engaging workshops. Having undergone training in Global Skills and Designing Inclusive Curriculum, she is dedicated to fostering innovation and effective practices in teaching. Currently, she serves as a Teacher Trainer and the Academic Coordinator at The Indus Academy, a renowned O'Level school in Clifton.



Member

Sabahat Ansar is an educator with teaching experience in schools and a strong interest in English Language Education. She is currently pursuing an MS in Islamic Banking and Finance while remaining committed to teaching and lifelong learning. As a long-serving member of SPELT, she values professional development, effective communication, and student-centered learning.



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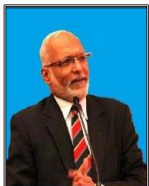
Sana Noor is an educationist with 25 years of teaching experience and currently Head of the Pre-Primary Section at HHS Clifton. As Lead Coordinator, I successfully led my school to achieve the British Council International School Award (ISA). I also serve as the focal coordinator for the Leader in Me programme, representing my campus. My expertise includes curriculum development, educational leadership, teacher development, and fostering student-centred learning. She is passionate about promoting excellence in education and empowering learners and educators.



Volunteer Member

Dr. Tania Laghari is an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of English at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Shaheed Benazirabad. She holds a Ph.D. in English Linguistics and Literature from Wuhan University, China. Her research interests include ESP, Corpus Linguistics, and Genre Analysis. She has published extensively in national and international journals.

Outreach and Membership Professional Council (OMPC)



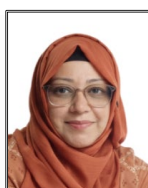
Chair

Abbas Husain, founder and life member of SPELT, has contributed to every SPELT conference for 41 years as a keynote and plenary speaker. A strong advocate of teachers' intellectual authority, he directed the Teachers Development Centre for 30 years, impacting over 88,000 teachers across Pakistan and the region.



Member

Gul-e-Rana Jaffri is an educationist, communications professional, and long-standing member of SPELT. Holding a B.A. Honors / Master's degree in English Literature from the Karachi University, she has extensive experience in teaching, and advertising, event planning, resource generation, language education, and community outreach across Pakistan, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta and Saudi Arabia. As Past Chair of the Outreach Professional Council, she continues to actively contribute to SPELT's educational and professional development programs.



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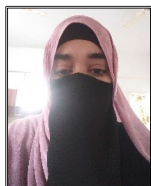
Maheen Fatima Zaidi is an accomplished educator with 20+ years of experience in teaching, school leadership, curriculum development, and teacher training. Holding an MBA in Educational Leadership, she is a certified Curriculum Developer, Master Trainer, and Digital Trainer. Founder of 12th Dimension, she specializes in AI integration, soft skills, and neuroscience-informed leadership.

Publications Professional Council (PPC)



Chair

Yasmeen Lunpe Farid has been an active member of Spelt since the last 25 years. Throughout she has contributed towards various Teacher Training programmes. She has also served as the Academic Coordinator, Yasmeen holds a Master's degree in English Literature as well as in Education from the University of Karachi. She has been part of English Language faculty at various leading educational institutions. Currently she is working for AEO Australia.



Syeda Samar Mubashir is a published writer and teacher, having advanced proficiency in spoken and written English and keenly interested in content and creative writing. She holds an MA English Linguistics degree from Karachi university.

Samar is well-versed in different forms of writing: Business Proposal writing, formal Academic and Research writing as well as creative Article writing.

Volunteer Member



Dr. Abdullah Laghari is an Associate Professor of English at Quaid-e-Awam University of Engineering Science and Technology, Nawabshah. He has got a dynamic teaching stand. He actively participates in international conferences as a keynote speakers. Besides, he is a Master Trainer. His areas of expertise lie in Classroom Management, Large Classes, English Through Technology, Curriculum Designing, Material Development, et cetera.

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SPELT Webinar- May 2026

1.5- Hour Webinar

From Pages to Practice: Making Books that Amplify Language Acquisition

Saturday May 16th, 2026 || **3:00pm to 4:30pm**

Fee: 1,000/-

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Katherine Lobo
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SPELT conducted an engaging 1.5-hour webinar titled “From Pages to Practice: Making Books that Amplify Language Acquisition”, facilitated by Ms. Katherine Lobo, an experienced K–12 ESL teacher, WIDA Fellow, and former TESOL International Board Member. The session was highly interactive and hands-on, where participants actively created a variety of simple book formats alongside the facilitator, including zines, concertina books, peek-in books, Turkish map folds, and theatre books, using easily accessible materials.

Throughout the workshop, Ms. Katherine demonstrated how these learner-created books can support key language functions such as narrating, explaining, informing, and arguing. Participants followed each step in real time, experiencing the activities from a learner’s perspective while reflecting on their classroom applications. The session generated enthusiastic engagement, with many participants expressing their intention to adapt the ideas to their own teaching contexts. The workshop was widely appreciated for its creativity, practicality, and immediate classroom relevance, offering teachers innovative ways to promote language development through meaningful, student-centred learning experiences.

Feedback

It was very effective in terms of language acquisition by making physical story books; a skill much needed in the age of AI and vast use of digital devices.

It was really interesting to learn how as an ELT, I can integrate booklet-making (art) in my lessons. It would be really helpful if you share the recording with me as I could not follow some of the instructions.

We had really an interesting workshop today with Katherine Lobo. I hope these strategies will make English Language Learning more interesting and we do look forward to attend such great workshops arranged by SPELT. Thanks to all.

More of these workshop would be fruitful.

Interactive session. Kept the participants engaged

It was a good session. Learnt new ways to handle such students

I have learned how to do the book-making activity with the kids to enhance the vocab and word bank.

It was no doubt an effective art/ origami workshop which has nothing related to teaching methodologies

It was great. Got great ideas for upcoming projects

It was very informative and need based.

SPELT Upcoming Webinar – July 3, 2026



1.5- Hour Webinar

42 Years of Empowering Teachers

AI as a Thinking Partner in Classrooms *Beyond Generating Lesson Plans, Videos and Rubrics*



Nooruddin Merchant

Assistant Director, Library and Education Programs,
Habib University

This session invites K-12 educators to move beyond using generative AI (GenAI) only for content creation and explore its potential as a thinking and brainstorming partner. Keeping in mind that many classrooms have limited device access, we will focus on practical ways teachers can design meaningful learning experiences using AI before class and during structured lab or library sessions. Through simple examples, participants will learn how to support student curiosity, reflection, questioning, and idea development using AI to enhance thinking, rather than replace it.

Nooruddin Merchant is an educator and learning designer with over 17 years of experience across K-12, higher education, and learning and development. He is passionate about designing human-centered learning experiences and supporting educators in using AI thoughtfully and meaningfully.

Tagline: *Beyond generating lesson plans, videos and rubrics*

Fee: PKR 1,200/	Friday, July 03, 2026	E-Certificate will be provided
	3:30 - 5:00pm (PKT)	Limited seats on first come, first served basis



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Monthly Academic Sessions- May 2026



ACD WEBINAR NO. 499
FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS



Low-Cost Teaching Techniques to Boost Student Engagement

Rabia Tayyaba

12:00 – 1:00pm

Saturday, May 30, 2026

The Professional Development Council of SPELT successfully hosted ACD Webinar No. 499, “Low-Cost Teaching Techniques to Boost Student Engagement,” presented by Ms. Rabia Tayyaba. The session provided practical and accessible ideas for creating engaging and inclusive classrooms. Participants appreciated the interactive discussion and left with valuable strategies to enrich their teaching practice.

Feedback from Participants

Extremely Valuable Tactics have been shared to make classroom More interesting and engaging.

A valuable session (low cost teaching techniques) wonder full

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The session was enlightening. today's methods for today's children, once more heard, revised and recapped. I would call this session a refueling session. thank you

It was interesting but containing almost same stuff we have been discussing from decades. I could not trace anything new other than the previous practices. Innovation is missing.

It was an informative session. Examples and activities for engaging students are beneficial and low cost. Thank you.

The session was amazing I learned a lot there was a affecting technics. I'm prep class teacher I will difficulty use these technics in my classroom.

Upcoming SPELT Academic Session- June 2026



ACD WEBINAR NO. 500
FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS

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DEVELOPING FUTURE-READY SKILLS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS

This webinar examines the competencies required of contemporary English language teachers in response to evolving educational demands. It focuses on digital literacy, critical thinking, creativity, and learner-centered pedagogies that support effective English language instruction. The session will provide practical strategies for integrating 21st-century skills into classroom practice and fostering learner autonomy in diverse educational contexts.



Mahnoor Komal Abdi is an experienced Educational Leader and English Language Facilitator currently serving as Vice Principal at HPGS A Level (a project of Happy Palace Group of Schools and Colleges). She holds a Master's degree in Education, is a certified UK Counsellor, and has completed a Leadership Certification from Cornell University. Her professional interests include English Language Education, Teacher Development, and innovative pedagogical practices for future-ready learning environments.

Day, Date
Saturday, June 27, 2026

Time
12:00 to 1:00pm

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Global News



26th June: Modern Technologies and Language Education - LTSIG Event - <https://lnkd.in/enSCWCS>

Early Career Chat; Student Centred - IATEFL ECC Webinar - <https://lnkd.in/eWvU-hcm>

4th July: Crafting Dynamic Environments for today's learners - IATEFL Webinar - <https://lnkd.in/eNHBkMBM>

8th July: Cultural Awareness in the ESOL Classroom - ESOLSIG Webinar - <https://lnkd.in/evBu7zm9>

14th July: Assessing Voice in L2 Writing - TEASIG Webinar - <https://lnkd.in/ehxmiNF7>

18th July: Take your TIME: A Framework for Teaching Professional-Related Communication in an AI-Accelerated World - BESIG Event - <https://lnkd.in/e7CsbCRX>

11th August: You, the editor: Avoiding common task design pitfalls - MAWSIG Event - <https://lnkd.in/ergmVqsE>



TESOL International Association



Raabia Hirani recently represented SPELT at a two-week Strengthening Teachers Associations for International English Language Professionals Exchange Program which took place in Alexandria, Washington and Framingham, Boston, USA. The programme was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of English Language Programs, and administered by FHI 360 in collaboration with TESOL International Association and World Boston.



The Exchange Program included 25 ELT teacher association leaders from 25 English Language Teacher Association (ELTA) of 25 countries. The first week of the program took place at the TESOL International Association office in Alexandria, and included a series of inspiring Leadership Training Workshops focused on advancing and elevating English language teaching associations worldwide. The second week took place in Framingham and Boston where Ms Hirani attended the MATSOL (Massachusetts Association

of Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages) Conference 2026 and met with faculty of Boston University, UMass Lowell and Harvard to discuss their current successful practices in teacher education.

Link: <https://short.do/MsqzhA>





From the Archives!

I am very impressed by the sustained and sincere work of the SPELT team. They deserve all the support from all those involved in English Language Teaching in Pakistan.

Professor Rafat Karim, *Chairman, Department of English, University of Karachi* **Oct 1998**

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