## SPELT ebulletin

#### FROM THE SPELT DESK

Have you ever thought about why 'conferences' are organized; they are organized so that people with the same interests get an opportunity to share, discuss, and learn from each other and to stay at the cutting edge of knowledge in the field.

A conference brings fruition on many counts. As a teacher is a lifelong learner, conferences provide untold learning opportunities. When we learn about new research experiments done in the field, and new ways of presenting ideas and theories, which would meet the needs of the learners, it inspires us; we are stimulated and rejuvenated. Thus attending a conference 'refuels' us to go back to our classes with more enthusiasm and interest to try out new ways to motivate our learners, and bring out their full potential.

Secondly, we all know that teachers' lives are tough, particularly in developing countries like ours, where they face very daunting challenges. These include juggling between their jobs and wanting to do the

best by their learners, besides managing homes and social relationships. Along with that, they sometimes face a 'sense of isolation', because a lot of their colleagues are not bothered about the real teaching learning issues. Coming to conference breaks this sense of isolation, and they feel heartened other meet fellow attendees facing similar issues; so, they realize they are not alone in their predicament. More important, they also come across presenters who talk about ways to address these issues. It brings a sense of community to them, which helps them to stay more positive.

Moreover, presenting at or attending an international conference like the SPELT international conference also provides teachers an opportunity for their continuous professional development through exposure to the national and international experts in the field. So it's a win-win situation!

The SPELT Conference 2018 is just round the corner. The star studded conference will have speakers from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Nepal, Pakistan, UAE and USA, presenting in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, and Abbottabad on a range of topics related to the conference theme.

Come one, come all to this academic feast that you can savour till the next conference in 2019!

Congratulations to all SPELTers for keeping the ELT flag flying high and welcome to all those who want to work with us on this and other exciting projects!

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### **SPELT Working Committee Updates**

#### **Conference Committee**

Please note: Keynote speaker change



Dr Tina Sharpe will deliver her keynote address on "Scaffolding Teachers' Professional Learning to Support Students' Understanding".



#### **Workshop Committee**



For details and registration, please contact the SPELT office at +923351233626

#### **Pre-Post Conference Institutes**

> 2<sup>nd</sup> November' 2018

**Beth Trudell** 

Engaging the disengaged Venue: SPELT Headoffice 5th November' 2018

Carolyn Layzer

Beginning Qualitative Teacher Inquiry: Questions and Methods

Venue: SPELT Headoffice > 6th November' 2018

**Ron Thomson** 

Developing an effective approach to teaching pronunciation

Venue: SPELT Headoffice

6th November' 2018

**Dr Tina Sharpe** 

Preparing students for academic success through an explicit genre-based pedagogy

Venue: Arts & Science Academy

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#### **Academic Committee**

Last session of September was very interactive and well appreciated by the participants. Teachers got full baggage of activities regarding 21st century skills in ELT classroom teaching. This month Ms. Shumaila Omar, a seasoned trainer and a working committee member of SPELT is conducting a session on interactive reading strategies. Attend this session along with your friends and colleagues to get unique ideas for teaching receptive skills.

Topic: Teaching Receptive Skills to ESL Learners through Intensive Reading Strategies

Presenter: Ms. Shumaila Omar, Assistant Professor, Institue of Business Management, Karachi.

Date: 27 October 2018 Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Venue: SPELT House: 101 First Floor Plot No. C-28 Khe-Ittehad Lane 12 Phase II Ext. D.H.A, Karachi

# **SPELT Chapters: News and Announcements SPELT Abbottabad Chapter**

SPELT Abbottabad Chapter welcomes all to the 34<sup>th</sup> edition of international Conference on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2018. It is, indeed, a moment of celebration to see SPELT grow into the strong organization that it is today. In the field of English Language Teaching, SPELT has become a quality name aiming at the professional development of teachers in this part of the world albeit with limited resources and, at times, challenging circumstances. Keep the flag of SPELT flying on the horizon of ELT with pride and glory! Keep shining SPELT Team!

Shagufta Tahir Conference Coordinator (2017-18) SPELT Abbottabad Chapter



Monthly academic session at Abbottabad



Monthly academic session at Haripur



Monthly academic session at Haveli



Monthly academic session at Manshera