



*SPELT wishes everyone a wonderful new year, filled with happiness and bliss. We hope that this year provides everyone enough reasons to be happy and have uncountable days filled with joy and mirth.*



### **Free English Proficiency Course Coming Soon!**

**SPELT in collaboration with Oxford International is organizing a free ONLINE English Proficiency Course for SPELT members!**

**If you're not a member, become a member and avail this wonderful opportunity.**

**Details will be posted soon on our website and social media pages.**

**Stay Tuned!!**

## **Academic Committee**

**The Academic Committee organizes a monthly FREE academic session for everyone- both members and non-members.**

**This month, the topic of the session is**

**“Language Teaching Strategies to Teach Online”**

**Facilitator: Ms. Kanwal Fawad**

**Date: 26 December 2020**

**Time: 12 to 1 pm**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79562313622?pwd=dHFEMIMyRHJISWRsS0pjZGFiNy8xUT09>

## Journal Committee

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## Conference Committee



Student-teachers of GECE, discussing their poster presentations.

Twenty-eight student teachers from the Government Elementary College of Education (GECE), Hussainabad, attended the SPELT International Conference 2020. Subsequently they created posters that discussed the main points of the workshops they had attended and how some of those strategies can be incorporated into their own teaching practice.



## SPELT'S SUMMER VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2020

### Excerpts from Interns' Reflections

#### *Zainab Hasan*

##### *A Levels, PAF Chapter, Karachi*

"Each and every task taught me something new but the task that I truly enjoyed the most was editing the video because I think that I was more my thing. . . .

I feel that after doing this internship, my communication skills have improved, furthermore, it helped me figure out the areas that I lacked in, which has given me the incitement to work on those".



#### *Iman Fasih*

##### *A Levels, PAF Chapter, Karachi*

Spelt soon developed into something I'd hold dear to me because while the name itself was very regal, it was the first task that really reassured me; reviewing the website.

Hence simultaneously also researching the organisation as a whole, their visions, what fuels them and also being able to observe the complete transparency that really can't be expected from a company nowadays urged me to not only think about prevalent problems surrounding the education system but also how there's a platform already taking steps to rectify them. . . .

The other particularly notable part of the experience was that regardless of how apt you are at a task they make sure the effort is appreciated and instead of discouraging the whole idea as unprofessional and immature they show you how to make it so it's not that way anymore. . . .



#### *Iman Ashraf*

"It only seems like yesterday that I had signed up for SPELT Virtual internship, not knowing that to be chosen, let alone the experience, would come to mean so much to me. The first time I got to know of this internship through my counselor, my interest was piqued. Content writing was a field of English language that I had been mulling over some time now but hesitated for the lack of experience. . . .

Had I never encountered this opportunity, I would have never met such amazing personalities as my supervisors and all others we got to meet momentarily. And even though this journey comes to end, I hope to always be affiliated with this society, cherish the memories I have made, and treasure the improvements I saw in myself. There a lot of uncertainties in the future- near and far- but what I can count on is that SPELT would always be there for me. And as the saying goes, 'It's not a goodbye. It's a see you later'!"

#### *Haniya Rehman, LUMS, Lahore*

"The mentors being understanding meant the whole work procedure allowed room for great flexibility. We were given the freedom and time to work at our own pace and complete our recommended hours in the number of weeks that would suit us. During a week, there would usually be two tasks to complete and ample time available. Meetings were scheduled beforehand and were quite facilitating. Once I was unable to join at the required time and was accommodated accordingly, which was such a relief. . . .

Moreover, the actual task of content writing really helped me build a foundation for doing it professionally. The experience polished my research skills, writing skills, and communication skills as we had meetings and often exchanged thoughts over email during this course of time. This fostered values like teamwork, discipline, and professionalism. In fact, I recently completed a task for my first client and received great feedback. He didn't



have to dictate me about small details or worry about task completion on time and was pleased that the final writing fulfilled the requirements. So, I think working with SPELT helped me there. Thanks to SPELT, I can display it on my resume and use samples that I wrote for the internship to launch new clients in the future”.

## **SPELT Abbottabad**

### **Commencement of Virtual Academic Sessions**

SPELT Abbottabad Chapter has a tradition of holding monthly academic sessions on various ELT topics for English language teachers in four cities of Hazara, namely Haripur, Havelian, Abbottabad and Mansehra. However, the practice had to be discontinued during the first wave of COVID-19. During the second wave, the Working Committee decided to launch online meetings of English language teachers as a response to COVID-19 crisis. In this connection, Programme Coordinator Ms. Shagufta Aamer held the first academic session on 28th November 2020 on the topic “COVID-19: Meet the New YOU!”. The presenter highlighted the challenges faced by teachers and students due to the pandemic and urged upon teachers to train themselves in educational technology to counter the situation. At the end of the session, there was question answer session and also the feedback was taken via Google Forms. The response of the participants was heartening as around 30-35 people attended the meeting. In order to encourage maximum participation, the registration in the sessions is free and an E-Certificate will be issued to those who will attend minimum four sessions in a year. The next academic session will be conducted in the last Saturday of December 2020 on the topic:”EdTech for English Language Teachers”.



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