

Creative writing in the classroom

presented by Vivienne Arnold

Seven activities - short, long, stretchy or stable. We'll play with names, the alphabet, and discover what you have in your fridge. Wake up your own creativity and take some tips away to use in the classroom.

Bio: Vivienne Arnold has been a MELTA member for nearly 20 years. She is currently doing an MA in Creative Writing at the Manchester Writing School, part of Manchester Metropolitan University.

Teaching English to Sse Tschörmans

presented by Stefan Fodor

A closer look at the similarities and differences between English and German and their significance for teaching ESL in a German-speaking environment. Most of our students speak German as their native language or second language. What impact does this have on our teaching? How can we make the most of the similarities between the two languages to help our students progress quickly? And where can we anticipate possible problems and find ways to get around them? We will take a closer look at grammar, lexis and pronunciation.

Bio: Stefan Fodor is a native of Munich. His university studies took him to exotic places such as Rheinland-Pfalz, Ireland and the US states of Illinois and California, where he earned post-graduate degrees in history. Since his return to Munich in the early 1990s he has devoted himself to foreign language teaching. Stefan works as a freelance trainer for German and English and as a writer of language training materials.

Dyslexia and English language learning – it's all how you see it!

Presentation and workshop with Meg Engelmann

Discover “the trouble” with English and why reading and spelling can be so difficult for students with dyslexia.

Discuss how students with dyslexia overcome their learning difficulties and what professions they thrive in.

Dip into low and high-tech dyslexia learning materials that can inspire everyone's teaching.

Bio:

Meg is originally from Minneapolis, MN and has been MELTA member and teacher since 1997. After working in the EFL/Business English sector for several years, she enrolled in the Dyslexia Action – University of York Postgraduate Certificate programme in 2010. Meg now works as a freelance dyslexia therapist with L1, L2 and L3 learners of English and German in the Munich area.