EXCELLENCE IN ELT: PROFESSIONAL LEARNING, WELL-BEING AND INNOVATION

15TH EDITION ELT MALTA CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session	Speaker	Rooms
08:30- 09:00	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE		Athena Suite Foyer - Lvl 1
09:00 - 09:45	INSTITUTIONAL INNOVATION AND THE SDGS: A ROADMAP FOR TRANSFORMING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING SECTOR	Mark C Mifsud	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
09:45 - 10:15	20 YEARS OF BUILDING, ADAPTING AND LEADING A LANGUAGE SCHOOL	Sanja Conjagic	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
10:15 - 10:25	SPONSORED TALK: PROSPERITY EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT: PLACEMENT TESTING IN PRACTICE, USING AI-BASED ASSESSMENT TO SUPPORT LEARNING AND TEACHING	Tom O'Reilly	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
10:25 - 10:55	WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT TEACHER EDUCATION	Catarina Pontes	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
10:55 - 11:15	FELTOM ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT: FLIGHT: AVIATION ENGLISH FOR THE FUTURE	Vanya Katsarska	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee Break		Athena Suite Foyer - Lvl 1
11:45- 12:05	EAQUALS SPOTLIGHT: A QUALITY FRAMEWORK FOR MANAGER CPD	Lou McLaughlin	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
12:05 - 12:35	FROM IQ TO EQ: RETHINKING LEADERSHIP IN ELT	Panos Argyris	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
12:35 - 13:05	ALONE TOGETHER: RETHINKING RESILIENCE IN ELT MANAGEMENT	Stefanelle Cachia	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
13:05 - 13:15	Short Break		
13:15 - 14:00	HUMANISING THE CHANGE PROCESS	Andy Hockley	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
14:00 - 14:30	ONE STEP SIDEWAYS, TWO STEPS FORWARD	Robert McLarty	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
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13:30 - 14:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee		Oracle Conference Centre Foyer - Lvl 2
14:30 - 14:45	15TH ELT MALTA CONFERENCE - OFFICIAL 15TH ELT MALTA CONFERENCE OPENING	Prof. Daniel Xerri Chairperson	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
14:45 - 15:45	PLENARY 1: 10 PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE TEACHING FOR TEACHER WELL BEING	Thomas S.C. Farrell	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
15:50 - 16:35	WORKSHOPS 1-5		
15:50 - 16:35	WORKSHOP 1: THE BENEFITS OF SETTING ACHIEVABLE PROFESSIONAL GOALS	Marjorie Rosenberg / BESIG Strand - IATEFL	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
15:50 - 16:35	WORKSHOP 2: MOTIVATING GEN Z AND GEN ALPHA	Claudia Darmanin	Pythia Syndicate 4 - Lvl 2
15:50 - 16:35	WORKSHOP 3: SPEAK LIKE A PRO, VOICE MISTAKES TO AVOID	Natalia Liashko	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
15:50 - 16:35	WORKSHOP 4: SEEN, HEARD, SUPPORTED, RETHINKING OBSERVATIONS TO EMPOWER TEACHERS	Aurore Trouvé / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
15:50 - 16:35	WORKSHOP 5: CREATIVE TEACHING; CREATIVE THINKING? ENHANCING ENGLISH TEACHING THROUGH CREATIVE THINKING	Terry Zammit	Zeus - Lvl 2
16:35 - 17:05	Coffee Break		Oracle Conference Centre - Lvl 2

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17:05 - 17:50	WORKSHOPS 6-10		
17:05 - 17:50	WORKSHOP 6: TEACHING FOR TOMORROW: FUTURE-READY SKILLS IN THE ENGLISH CLASSROOM	Alex Warren / BESIG Strand - IATEFL	Pythia Syndicate 4 - Lvl 2
17:05 - 17:50	WORKSHOP 7: NON-STANDARD GRAMMAR, OR JUST PLAIN WRONG?	Jon Hird	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
17:05 - 17:50	WORKSHOP 8: WONDER, WARMTH AND COLOUR IN OUR HUMANISTIC CLASSROOMS	Stefania Ballotto / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
17:05 - 17:50	WORKSHOP 9: COMPASSES, KEYS AND FLAMES: THE ADVENTURE OF TEACHING	Eva Bogdanovic & Ivana Buric Kurtovic	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
17:05 - 17:50	WORKSHOP 10: EMPOWERING TEACHERS: A SKILLS-BASED RESILIENCE WORKSHOP	Agnieszka Dudzik & Agnieszka Dzieciol-Pedich	Zeus - Lvl 2
17:55 - 18:55	TALKS GROUP 1		
17:55 -18:25	TALK 1A: BRINGING THE WILD INTO THE CLASSROOM	Darja Brotzmann	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
18:25 - 18:55	TALK 1B: USING TEACHORAMAS TO MOBILISE PEDAGOGIES OF POSSIBILITY	Dario Luis Banegas / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
17:55 - 18:55	TALKS GROUP 2		
17:55 -18:25	TALK 2A: CARING FOR THE CARERS: TEACHER WELL-BEING MATTERS IN ELT	Maria Makra	Pythia Syndicate 4 - Lvl 2
18:25 - 18:55	*TALK 2B: EMBODYING PROFESSIONAL COACHING AND NEUROSCIENCE IN PEDAGOGY*	*Rachel Marie Paling / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL*	CANCELLED
17:55 - 18:55	TALKS GROUP 3		
17:55 -18:25	TALK 3A: CRITICAL PEDAGOGY AND AI: REVITALIZING THE HUMAN HEARTBEAT IN ELT	Julia Aliverti & Vicky Chionopoulou	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
18:25 - 18:55	TALK 3B: MASTERING MOTIVATION MECHANISMS	George Kokolas	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
17:55 - 18:55	TALKS GROUP 4		
17:55 -18:25	TALK 4A: TRANSFORMING TEACHING PRACTICE THROUGH ACTION RESEARCH	Simona Macenaite	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
18:25 - 18:55	TALK 4B: MORE THAN WORDS: STRATEGIC TRANSLANGUAGING FOR THE GLOBAL BUSINESS LEADERS OF TOMORROW	Maria Kitsiou / BESIG Strand - IATEFL	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
17:55 - 18:55	TALKS GROUP 5		
17:55 -18:25	TALK 5A: TEACHING GRAMMAR: THE ROLE OF CONTEXT IN TEACHER DECISION MAKING	Antonella Valeo	Zeus - Lvl 2
18:25 - 18:55	TALK 5B: COMICS IN THE CLASSROOM: REDUCING ANXIETY AND INDUCING CREATIVE WRITING	Amira Derbel	Zeus - Lvl 2
19:00 - 21:00	NETWORKING RECEPTION 15-YEAR CELEBRATION Open exclusively to delegates attending Conference Day 1.		AT KORA, DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Session	Speaker	Rooms
08:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE		Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
09:00 - 09:30	ELT COUNCIL AWARDS CEREMONY	Prof Odette Vassallo, Awards Subcommittee Chair	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
09:30 - 10:30	PLENARY 2: USING METAPHOR FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING	Dorothy Zemach	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
10:35 - 11:20	WORKSHOPS 11-15		
10:35 - 11:20	WORKSHOP 11: SLOW TEACHING, DEEP LEARNING: RETHINKING ELT THE FINNISH WAY	Anna Nowotka & Monika Beszczyńska-Rusak	Pythia Syndicate 4 - Lvl 2
10:35 - 11:20	WORKSHOP 12: PUT YOUR OXYGEN MASK ON FIRST: THEME-CENTERED INTERACTION FOR WELL-BEING	Silke Riegler & Andreas Hövener / BESIG Strand - IATEFL	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
10:35 - 11:20	WORKSHOP 13: TRANSLATION: LETTING THE MONSTER OUT OF THE CAGE	Alan Marsh	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
10:35 - 11:20	WORKSHOP 14: PUTTING POLITENESS INTO PRACTICE IN THE CLASSROOM	Aidan Aquilina	Zeus - Lvl 2
10:35 - 11:20	WORKSHOP 15: REGULATING EMOTIONS FOR EFFECTIVE TEACHING, LEARNING AND WELL-BEING IN THE ELT CLASSROOM	Erika Galea	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2

11:20 - 12:00	COFFEE BREAK		Oracle Conference Centre Foyer - Lvl 2
12:00 - 13:00	TALKS GROUP 6		
12:00- 12:30	TALK 6A: FROM SILENCE TO PARTICIPATION: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR THE INTENTIONALLY INVITING CLASSROOM	Ann Gaillard / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Pythia Syndicate 4 - Lvl 2
12:30 - 13:00	*TALK 6B: BREAK OUT OF BORING LESSONS: UNLOCK LEARNING WITH ESCAPE GAMES*	*Rhona Snelling*	CANCELLED
12:00 - 13:00	TALKS GROUP 7		
12:00- 12:30	TALK 7A: EXPLOITING EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING	Chris Richards	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
12:30 - 13:00	TALK 7B: JOB INTERVIEWS: REFRAMING CANDIDATES' RESPONSES THROUGH LINGUISTIC AGENCY	Alex Lojo / BESIG Strand - IATEFL	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
12:00 - 13:00	TALKS GROUP 8		
12:00- 12:30	TALK 8A: FLUENT OUTPUT, FRAGILE LEARNING: WHAT GENAI CHANGES IN ELT	Christopher Fenech	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
12:30 - 13:00	TALK 8B: TOOLS FOR LASTING IMPACT: WHEN CPD STICKS BEYOND THE SCREEN	Patricia Ibiapina	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
12:00 - 13:00	TALKS GROUP 9		
12:00- 12:30	TALK 9A: CREATING VALUE IN A MULTICULTURAL ELT CLASSROOM	Danilo Carciolo	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
12:30 - 13:00	TALK 9B: TRANSITIONING FROM ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHER TO TEACHER EDUCATOR IN MALTA	Savannah Davis / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
12:00 - 13:00	TALKS GROUP 10		
12:00- 12:30	TALK 10A: TOO TIRED TO LEARN: TEACHER BURNOUT AND WELL-BEING IN ELT	Ayşegül Sallı	Zeus - Lvl 2
12:30 - 13:00	TALK 10B: STAY SANE IN THE PRESENCE OF WOKE GEN ZS WHO ARE ASLEEP	Sharon Joseph	Zeus - Lvl 2
WORKSHOPS 16-19 & TALK 11			
13:05 - 13:50	WORKSHOPS 16-19		
13:05 - 13:50	WORKSHOP 16: BEYOND CORRECTNESS: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING PRAGMATIC COMPETENCE	Andrea Conti	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
13:05 - 13:50	WORKSHOP 17: THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING: ELT IN 2026	Marielou Mifsud & Jelena Spasic	Pythia Syndicate 4 - Lvl 2
13:05 - 13:50	WORKSHOP 18: STORYBOARD YOUR LESSON PLAN	Aleksandra Popovski	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
13:05 - 13:50	WORKSHOP 19: TEACHING IN SENSITIVE TIMES	Farnaz Memari / BESIG Strand - IATEFL	Zeus - Lvl 2
13:05 - 13:35	TALK 11A: AWARENESS OF EMOTIONS: THEIR IMPACT ON TEACHER IDENTITY AND PRACTICE	Vanessa McDonagh / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
13:35 - 14:05	TALK 11B: ASSESSMENT IN THE AI ERA: PRODUCT OR PROCESS?	Sandy Topalidoy	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
13:50 - 15:00	LUNCH		Olimpia Suite - Lvl 1
15:00 - 16:00	PLENARY 3 - TEACHER WELL-BEING AS A FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN ELT	Luis Javier Penton Herrera	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
16:05 - 16:50	WORKSHOPS 20-23		
16:05 - 16:50	WORKSHOP 20: BEYOND THE LYRICS: SONGS AS STORIES	Anna Pires	Pythia Syndicate 4
16:05 - 16:50	WORKSHOP 21: BACKWARDS INTO THE FUTURE? HOW SUSTAINABLE IS AI IN ELT?	Peter Holly	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
16:05 - 16:50	WORKSHOP 22: BEYOND GRAMMAR: INTEGRATING CULTURE AS A CORE COMPONENT OF LANGUAGE LEARNING	Ridha Mejri / BESIG Strand - IATEFL	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
16:05 - 16:50	WORKSHOP 23: TEACHER WELL-BEING THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TRANSITION	Hannah Tucker-Bloom & Ruth Hughes / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Zeus - Lvl 2
16:55 - 17:40	WORKSHOPS 24-28		
16:55 - 17:40	WORKSHOP 24: PRONUNCIATION HUB: CLASSROOM APPLICATION OF HIGH VARIABILITY PHONETIC TRAINING	Anastazija Kirkova-Naskova	Pythia Syndicate 4 - Lvl 2
16:55 - 17:40	WORKSHOP 25: TEACHING VALUE IN AN AI WORLD: A BUSINESS ENGLISH FRAMEWORK	Birte Horn / BESIG Strand - IATEFL	Athena Suite - Lvl 1

16:55 - 17:40	WORKSHOP 26: G4: GROWTH IN FOUR DIMENSIONS FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS	Timothy Graf & Zsófia Németh-Dene	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
16:55 - 17:40	Workshop 27: REWRITING WRITING: GENRE, PROCESS AND AI IN THE 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM	Adrian Webb	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
16:55 - 17:40	Workshop 28: FROM BURNOUT TO BALANCE	Lejla Saric & Dijana Markovic-Hajdarhodzic / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Zeus - Lvl 2
17:45 - 18:30	WORKSHOPS 29-32		
17:45 - 18:30	WORKSHOP 29: SMALL CHANGES, BIG IMPACT ON LEARNING, COMMUNICATION AND WELL-BEING	Sanja Rašković	Athena Suite - Lvl 1
17:45 - 18:30	WORKSHOP 30: SIMPLE STEPS TO UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN CLASSROOM THROUGH TEACHER RESEARCH	Josianne Block / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2
17:45 - 18:30	WORKSHOP 31: THE AI-KEA EFFECT: CONFIDENCE, COMPETENCE, AND SOCRATIC WISDOM	Eftychis Kantarakis & Ruby Panagiotis Polygenis	Dodona Syndicate - Lvl 2
17:45 - 18:30	WORKSHOP 32: BALANCE NOT BURNOUT: EXPLORING LANGUAGE TEACHER IDENTITY, GROWTH, AND WELL-BEING	Mary Shepard Wong / TTEdSig Strand - IATEFL	Pythia Syndicate 4 - Lvl 2
18:30 - 18:45	CONFERENCE CLOSING CEREMONY PRIZE DRAW		Oracle Inner Circle - Lvl 2