

## Call for Papers 2017 TESOL-SPAIN Convention

I am writing to you on behalf of TESOL-SPAIN to give you information about our 2017 convention to be held at the Miguel Hernández University in Elche from Friday, March 3rd to Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2017.

In 2017 TESOL-SPAIN will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To think that back in 1977 when TESOL-SPAIN was founded, the methodology used in language learning was still dominated by structural grammar and drilling. Technology meant audio cassettes, overhead projectors and language laboratories! How has the profession, and TESOL-SPAIN, evolved? How do we view our history now? Are some trends returning? Or is it the case that the more things change, the more they stay the same? As English has become a vital tool for learners' personal and professional development in Spain, are we involving everybody in the process? What do we need to do to become more inclusive of different voices in our classrooms, in our schools, in our profession? These questions form the basis of the theme of this year's conference, **Evolving and Involving**.

The convention offers participants a wide range of presentations by national and international speakers, plenary and keynote presentations, papers, workshops and roundtables. It is attended by a wide variety of EFL professionals including teachers from infant, primary and secondary schools, EOLs, universities, technical schools and academies as well as teacher trainers, materials writers, and course planners. Publishers, ELT researchers, members of exam boards, and national and international authors also take part in the convention.

We welcome presentations covering a wide range of topics related to English language teaching. These can include topics such as perspectives on teaching methodology, bilingual education, education technology and ICT, innovative approaches to tasks, creative and critical thinking in the classroom, learner autonomy, student-centred learning, motivation and professional development, as well as those which are of wide general interest for language teachers working in different sectors and with students of all ages.

TESOL-SPAIN offers several grants for speakers and students. Among these are the *First-time Speaker Grant* and the *Robin de Andrés Grant*, which is awarded for presentations related to primary or secondary education in Spain. The *Professional Development Grant* was created to help unemployed teachers of English living in Spain to attend the annual convention. The *Student Grant* is for students living and studying in Spain who wish to attend. Finally, the *TESOL-SPAIN Global Grant for speakers from Africa, Asia and Latin America* was set up to help English teachers from these parts of the world to attend the TESOL-SPAIN convention. Please visit <http://www.tesol-spain.org> for more information.

To submit your Presentation Proposal Form online, follow this link:

<http://www.tesol-spain.org/en/pages/11/speakers.html>. Submissions will be accepted from July 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

Speakers are invited to submit articles based on their sessions for our biennial publication: TESOL-SPAIN Selected Papers. We would also like to remind you that contributions to our [e-Newsletter](#) are always welcome.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

Best wishes,

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