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Registration

11:00-11:30

Thinking Outside the Box – the power of TED in developing creative and innovative 21st century thinkers

11:30-12:30

Break

12:30-13:00

Visual Literacy & The Power of the Image

13:00-14:00

Closing and Raffle

14:00-14:15

Titles and Abstract

Thinking Outside the Box – the power of TED in developing creative and innovative 21st century thinkers

Nowadays the job and role of the English language teacher has changed. It's no longer our job to just teach grammar and vocabulary and the 4 traditional skills—reading, writing, listening and speaking. We need to teach them about the world. We need to teach them about other people, places and cultures. We need to introduce them to new ideas, new ways of looking at things. And we need to teach them to be 21st century thinkers. But what do we mean by this? What is a 21st century thinker? Why is it important? And what does TED have to do with any of this? In this session, using National Geographic Learning's Keynote series, we'll explore what we mean by this and reveal the role that using TED Talks can have in creating 21st century thinkers.

Visual Literacy & The Power of the Image

Throughout our lives, we are the unwitting subjects of an onslaught of images. From the mobile phone in your hand to the products in your supermarket trolley; from the magazines on your coffee table to the train seat in front of you, someone somewhere is trying to convey an idea to you through messages which are primarily visual. While we have all used images to facilitate learning in our teaching – from flashcards to video – do we really know why it is so effective? This session looks at the power of images, the idea of visual literacy and how images can play an integral part in language acquisition and make learning memorable.

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Alex is a DELTA trained teacher trainer with over 15 years' experience of working in ELT as a teacher, academic director and teacher trainer. Prior to his experiences in ELT, Alex worked as a journalist before a chance encounter in the Indonesian jungle began him on the path which has led him to working with National Geographic Learning. A firm believer in a communicative approach to language learning and student-centred learning, Alex enjoys working with innovative, thought-provoking materials and presenting on a wide range of ELT-related topics, all the while driven by his passion for developing teachers on a global scale and helping them to reach their true potential.

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