



An Invitation to Lead a Workshop or Present



at TESOL Arabia Abu Dhabi Chapter Events

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Dear colleagues,

The TESOL Arabia Abu Dhabi Chapter would like to invite you to lead workshops or give presentations at Abu Dhabi chapter meetings during the 2008-09 academic year. We know many of you have great ideas that would benefit others in the area. Presenting is a wonderful way to develop your teaching practice both professionally and personally, and is also an effective way to give to your profession!

For information about ideas for workshops and for how to arrange a time to present, please have a look at the enclosed information. We very much look forward to hearing from those interested in sharing their ideas with other teachers in the area.

Best wishes,

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Present at TESOL Arabia Abu Dhabi Chapter Meetings

Why? Many teachers like to learn from other teachers about things to do in classes that help students learn. When the presenter comes from the same context, it is particularly helpful to participants because the presenter knows, understands and has experience with the same issues! You can make an impact in the lives of your colleagues by sharing your ideas and experience.

When? Chapter meetings are held on Saturday mornings at a venue in Abu Dhabi.

Dates for 2008-09

Event	Date	Event Topic	Special Information
Meeting 1	Oct 18	Variety	
Meeting 2	Nov 22	Teaching English to Young Learners (co-host YL SIG)	
Meeting 3	Dec 20	Variety	Membership chair will be at event, so you can renew your membership and register for the conference in person.
Meeting 4	Feb 7	Testing SIG-AD Chapter Event	
Meeting 5	April 18	IT for Young Learners Morning	
Meeting 6	May 2	Independent Learning Research Morning (co-host LI SIG)	

How? Basically, think of a great lesson you've had, a topic you know something about or ideas you have, or consider any research you have done. You can present any of these things at chapter meetings. If you feel nervous or prefer to work with others, why not ask a friend or colleague to team up and present together? The Abu Dhabi chapter welcomes any idea that will serve teacher and student learning. Have a look at "**Presentation & Workshop Ideas**" to get started.

How do I sign up? Three easy steps!

Step 1. Write a short description of the topic and what participants will do in the session. If you are leading an idea-swap, be sure to include what participants should think about or bring with them for the session.

Step 2: Write a short biography about yourself. Include your name, institution, and a little about your teaching experience and current teaching context. It is also useful if you include your CV.

Step 3. E-mail steps 1 & 2, and the presentation dates that are best for you, to the Abu Dhabi Chapter representative, Ahmed Saadawi. His e-mail is a_saadawi@yahoo.com

If you do not have e-mail, feel free to call Ahmed on his mobile (050-771-7255).

Abu Dhabi Chapter Meetings:

Presentation & Workshop Ideas

Activity Based

One to three teachers each present a different activity that has worked in their classes. Then provide time for participants to ask questions, share other ideas, etc. This works really well when the presenters choose one skill area. Skill areas may include:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking
- Listening
- Computer Skills
- Independent Learning Activities
- Handwriting
- Spelling
- Technology

Discussion Based

One to three teachers talk about common classroom problems. Each teacher talks about how he/she handles the issue(s). Then open floor for participant discussion.

Topics might include:

- Managing large classes
- Students who act out in class
- Effective seating arrangements
- Ss not listening to teacher/other students...Ss talking, sleeping...
- Communications with students' parents
- Ways to increase interaction among students
- Independent learning strategies

Workshop/Idea-Swap Based

Another way to approach a workshop is to have an activity swap around a particular theme, for example "Interesting Projects," "Ideas for Teaching Reading Skills," or "Technology & Learning..." To do this, invite teachers to bring their favorite activity related to the topic to a meeting. The workshop leader then facilitates (small group work, mingles, etc.) so that session participants can share their ideas with other teachers.

Topic/Activity Based

One to three teachers present ideas for the kinds of activities to do under a particular theme. For example, a common theme when teaching English is food. Each presenter gives an example of an activity that relates to the theme.

Research Based

Share research results and it's impact on student learning. It is not recommended that you read a paper, but welcome presentations of salient points and ideas for practical application.