

TESOL Arabia Abu Dhabi Chapter

Achievements & New Services

TESOL Arabia Abu Dhabi Chapter would like to take this opportunity to thank its members and recurrent attendees for their continuing participation in the local events in Abu Dhabi.

Representing the highest percentage of TESOL Arabia members, it is the pleasure and honor of the Chapter Committee to keep serving you to the full of our capacity and to announce more outstanding services.



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1. Organizing Local Events

The Chapter celebrated the first semester with three events on Oct 31st, Nov 14th and Dec 12th, including one variety event, another with the ESP-Special Interest Group (ESP-SIG) and the third with the Learner Independence SIG (LI-SIG). Interestingly, the LI-SIG's inaugural event this year, entitled *Voices from the Other Side of the Desk*, was the first of its kind in Abu Dhabi as all presenters were students.

During the second semester, we co-organized the first *Teacher Leadership Academy* in Abu Dhabi with the newly established Leadership and Management Special Interest Group (LM-SIG). The event offered five presentations; four of them were leadership and management-focused, while the fifth was a repetition from an earlier event upon request by Abu Dhabi members.

Overall, these four events offered 19 workshops led by distinguished presenters who shared their educational and academic expertise with their fellow colleagues.

2. New Venues

In order to increase our exposure within the community, the Chapter held most events either at newly-established colleges and universities such as Fatima College of Health Sciences (FCHS) or at previously unused venues such as Zayed University Women's Campus (ZUWC), Emirates College for Advanced Education (ECAE), and Abu Dhabi Women's College (ADWC).

3. Meeting Different Professional Needs

By teaming up with different special interest groups, the Abu Dhabi Chapter has done its best to meet its members' various professional needs and interests. For example, we co-organized three joint events with the LM-SIG, ESP-SIG and LI-SIG so far this year. There is still more to come before the end of this academic year (see *Upcoming Events* below).

4. Community Outreach Initiatives

Abu Dhabi Chapter now has a Sponsorship Coordinator and intends to recruit an Outreach Coordinator in order to maintain and strengthen cooperation with public and private educational entities such as ADEC, colleges and schools within the emirate, and various publishing houses.

5. Free Job Placement Services

There is now a Job Advisor whose role is to provide advice concerning matters of job security and to help members locate new positions when needed. The Job Advisor will liaise with potential recruiters under the banner of TESOL Arabia, and pair up recruiters and job seekers. Plans are to activate this service soon.

6. Publications

As TESOL Arabia continues to publish useful books and timely articles on a variety of issues germane to teaching here in the region, our Publication Coordinator ensures that such books are available to members at all of our events and meetings

7. Serving More than ELT Professionals

In line with last year's TESOL Arabia Annual Conference theme, Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL), we are now offering PD opportunities for math and science teachers, school principals and resident supervisors.. The *Teacher Leadership Academy* co-organized by Abu Dhabi Chapter with the newly established Leadership and Management SIG is but one example of our ongoing efforts to broaden the chapter's reach. .

8. New Services on the Way to You

The Abu Dhabi Chapter is set to introduce a number of new services to its members. As mentioned before we are about to initiate a job advisory service. We are also discussing the creation of a position for a Resident Membership Secretary whose duties will include, among others, streamlining membership and the issuing of membership cards.

Upcoming Events

We have more events scheduled for the remainder of this academic year.

No.	Event Topic	Date	Venue
1	Variety Event	April 10	Zayed University Men's Campus
2	Independent Learning Research Morning (LI-SIG)	May 8	TBD

Presenting for Abu Dhabi Chapter

TESOL Arabia Abu Dhabi Chapter would like to invite you to lead workshops or give presentations at our meetings. 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 enrich our profession! We welcome any idea that will serve teacher and student learning.

To discuss your ideas for workshops and how to arrange a time to present, please call Ahmed at [050 771 7255](tel:0507717255) or via a_saadawi@yahoo.com. We very much look forward to hearing from those interested in sharing their ideas with other teachers in the area.

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