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Eastern Region Chapter Second Event

The eastern Region Chapter 2nd event will take place on November 24, 2008. **Beth Wiens**, the president of TESOL Arabia will present a session about how to construct a reading comprehension tests.

Nejib Ali, the English language supervisor in Fujairah Educational Zone, will demonstrate how to teach grammar in novel ways.

As usual, the chapter event will include a lucky draw to win TESOL Arabia International Conference bags.

We strongly encourage our members to attend the event and participate in the panel discussion.

TESOL Arabia Membership

How to become a member?

To become a member you need to fill in the Membership Application Form , make a bank draft of 135 dirham to HSBC Bank Account **No 020-111878-200** with HSBC Bank Middle East. Then mail the Deposit Slip to:

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A free Newsletter three times a year mailed to the address you gave on your application.

Greatly reduced registration fees to the TESOL Arabia Annual International Conference - the major ELT event in the region.

Free admission to, and the chance to present at, regular workshops and presentations organized by any of the eight UAE Branches.

Do you Have the Skill?

This year we are planning to involve members in carrying out the chapter activities. If you feel that you have anything interesting and new concerning the teaching of English and the professional development of teachers, try to share your experience with our local community. Why not present a lecture or organize a workshop to demonstrate your talent. Proposal will be mostly welcomed at any time. Let us know and we will be of a great help to you. If you are interested in presenting in the Eastern Region Local Community Event, contact your Area Representatives for help.

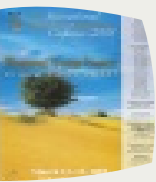
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Eastern Region Chapter Newsletter

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS AND
PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A BETTER PRACTICE.

The Eastern Region Branch of TESOL Arabia is approaching this new academic year 2007-2008 with a new vision of organizing chapter events. We do believe that practitioners in the region have a myriad of successful classroom stories. We kindly invite you to share them with our members. Our chapter needs your initiative.

Helping you make your voice heard

On October 27th, 2007 TESOL Arabia Eastern Region Chapter held an event entitled: "A Morning of Workshops" in Fujairah Women's College (HCT) from 9:30 to 12:00 o'clock. Six presenters volunteered for the event.

The first presenter was Amir Wahab who engaged the attendants in "Games in EFL classrooms". The ideas in the presentation offered insights for teachers' classroom practices. The presenter actively involved the participants in many of the games he demonstrated.

Amnah Mubarak Obeid was the second speaker. She shared part of her elementary school teaching experience in Fujairah with her colleagues. The ideas she presented were quite novel. Her presentation on "Teaching vocabulary through poems" to students gave participants another way to handle vocabulary presentation.

The third two presenters were HCT students studying to be teachers of English. Safiya Mohammad & Aysha Saeed broached on the subject of "Using stories to teach writing in ESL".



The final presenter was Marlene Hawkins, the CEPA Professional Development Instructor in the area. She talked about "Applying the principles of Bloom's Taxonomy to tests", which was an opportunity for grade twelve teachers to get their queries regarding testing answered.