

***TasTESOL* Winter Forum**

Launceston

Inspire and Aspire:

Aspire to the best practice
in education;

Build a classroom which
inspires EAL learners

Guest speaker & workshops



Date: Saturday 6th August 2016

Time: 10:00am – 2:30pm

Location: **C Block, TasTAFE**
10-16 Wellington Street
(Cnr Wellington & Paterson Streets), Launceston

Morning tea kindly provided by our hosts,
TasTAFE English Language Services N/NW

BYO Lunch In order to make this a free event, we ask you to
self-cater and bring your own light lunch.

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ALL VERY WELCOME – TasTESOL members & non-members

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Program:

Key Speaker

Dr Paul Kebble (UTAS)

Resilience and second hand trauma

Humanitarian migrants often arrive with complex histories of violence, persecution and displacement. Once within the Australian community, they have to learn to trust again. Quite often this starts within the education system with a caring teacher. While many migrants will not feel comfortable in sharing their story, others begin to do so with people they trust. Frequently this is their teacher. This can place quite a burden on teachers as they can experience a form of second-hand trauma through listening to descriptions of harrowing circumstances. This presentation will look at the impact of this on teachers' professional and personal lives and discuss how teacher resilience can be developed.

Workshops:

Carmel Davies and Sharon Duff

Language through song

Learning English through song is an effective way to assist language development. It can help students develop social skills, retain information they have learnt in class, as well as improve their pronunciation, literacy and grammar. This interactive workshop provides strategies on how to engage students and merge learning by teaching interesting songs at all levels.

The workshop will introduce the suitable for EAL and literacy teachers of all sectors books *Sing with me*.

Dr Suzanne Reszke (TasTAFE)

Tree of Life: A narrative therapy approach to talking about the past

The Tree of Life is a narrative therapy based experiential methodology that facilitates a community based approach to speaking about our lives and our past in a way that makes us stronger. Developed through a partnership between the Dulwich Centre, Adelaide and REPSSI (East

and Southern Africa), the methodology has been used effectively with children, young people and adults in many different contexts. It was recently featured in a documentary on the ABC during Mental Health Week 2015 called *Cast From the Storm*.

The method has been used recently with young adult migrants in both Launceston and Hobart. During the workshop, details of the approach and the way in which it was implemented will be outlined and possibilities for use in the language class will be discussed.

Mary Brooke (TasTAFE)

O RLY? Using GIFs and Memes in the Classroom

Language learners who use social media will regularly encounter the simple graphic and video images known as GIFs and memes. This session will showcase the usefulness of GIFs and memes as flexible resources which embed both traditional and technological literacy into a language program at any proficiency level, in an enjoyable and interactive way. This session will include practical ideas to assist language practitioners in integrating GIFs and memes into a lesson, as well as a providing a hands-on demonstration of how to make a GIF and meme from scratch.

Sam Kerr-Smiley (TasTAFE)

Say Hello to Harmony

In 2015 ELS North/North West YMEPB (Youth Migrant English Program B) launched their *Say Hello to Harmony* workshops. The workshops, as part of TasTAFE's commitment to "Racism it stops with me", aims to promote harmony by introducing Native Speaking students to the experience of moving to a new country. Students complete a number of activities that encourage them to empathise with the experiences of new arrivals from CALD backgrounds and to ultimately take this new understanding with them in to the wider Tasmanian community.