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To whom it may concern,

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

The British Council recognises the IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) 54th annual conference, to be held in June 2021 on a virtual platform, as an excellent professional development opportunity for teachers of English. For over 50 years the IATEFL annual conference has brought together English language teaching professionals from around the world.

It will be held over three days, and includes over 500 plenaries, presentations, workshops, symposiums, interactive language fairs and panel debates covering a wide range of ELT topics of value and interest to practising teachers of English. This includes showcase streams representing 16 different special interest areas: business English, ESOL, ESP, global issues, special educational needs, leadership and management, learner autonomy, learning technologies, literature, materials writing, pronunciation, research, teacher development, teacher training and young learners.

In addition, there is a virtual exhibition where a wide range of ELT publishers, course providers and materials and software producers present the latest range of teacher support materials.

As such it provides an ideal opportunity for English teachers, from primary, secondary further and higher education, to update their knowledge of pedagogy, teaching and learning techniques, associated technologies, issues and specialisations. Of equal importance it provides delegates with an opportunity to network and forge professional links with other teachers on a truly international scale.

The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. Founded in 1934, we are a UK charity governed by Royal Charter and a UK public body.

The British Council has, for many years, worked in partnership with IATEFL to ensure that this conference is as effective, and reaches as many ELT professionals, as possible.



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