The English Language Centre, Brighton
Robert O’Neill Scholarship

This scholarship is in honour of Robert O’Neill who was a friend of ELC’s for nearly 40 years. Initially working on overseas teachers’ courses and being an academic advisor to ELC, he retained an office at school and could regularly be found in the teachers’ room passionately engaged in debate until just before his death in July 2014 at the age of 81.

The aim of the scholarship, funded by The English Language Centre, Brighton, is to give the opportunity for an ELT professional to attend the IATEFL Conference for the first time.

The scholarship consists of:
- registration for a Pre-Conference Event of the winner’s choice
- registration for the IATEFL Conference
- a year’s IATEFL membership
- GBP 750.00 towards conference related costs (if attending in person)

To qualify you must:
- work in the fields of English language teaching or training, be committed to delivering in-service training and be interested in the use of technology in ELT
- have not previously attended the IATEFL Conference
- be prepared to be interviewed by The English Language Centre about your experience at conference
- agree to submit a report by May 2025 about your conference experience and follow up plan, for possible publication by The English Language Centre

To be considered for the scholarship you must:
- submit an essay of between 400 and 500 words in which you:
  - outline briefly your teaching/training context
  - submit an action plan of what you would do to benefit your community with particular reference to in-service training and the involvement of technology

The submission deadline is 14.00 (UK time) on Wednesday 19 June 2024. Early submissions are very welcome; late submissions will not be considered.

The result of your application will be emailed to you between 12 and 23 August 2024. Please do NOT contact the IATEFL Head Office about scholarship decisions; the Scholarship Committee will send everyone the results as soon as they are available.