The English Language Centre, Eastbourne
Graham Smith Scholarship

This scholarship is in honour of Graham Smith who worked as a teacher and teacher trainer for Eastbourne School of English (now ELC Eastbourne) from 1988 until his unexpected death in July 2013. Over 25 years, thousands of students and trainee teachers studied in his classes and enjoyed his lessons.

The aim of the scholarship, funded by The English Language Centre, Eastbourne, 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 at a relatively early stage in your career as a teacher or teacher trainer (between 3 and 5 years ELT experience)
- have not previously attended the IATEFL Conference
- be committed to delivering in-service training to your staff and colleagues
- be prepared to be interviewed by ELC Eastbourne 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 ELC Eastbourne

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

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.