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Dear colleagues,

Thanks for allowing us to share with you this new edition of **#English4U**. Despite of the high impact caused by the pandemic along these last months in Cuba we are glad to say that with thanks to our partners from both **Ministries of Education and the teachers associations** we have been able to support and provide some training opportunities for the ELTs in country as well as some really useful exchanges with the experts from UK and from other countries in the region.

The **IATEFL International Conference** is one of the largest events in the global English language teaching calendar. Over four days the programme included: plenaries, presentations, debates, forums, talks and posters, being the perfect opportunity to find out about the latest research, ideas, topics and developments in English language teaching. We are happy about having enabled this year a delegation of 21 representatives from over 8 provinces to participate.

More than 450 attendees from 39 countries signed up for the British Council's international 3-day online conference on English evaluation held last month: **New Directions Colombia 2021**. British Council Colombia invited Cuban ELT experts to participate to showcase Cuba's current work in English and assessment at policy and implementation level and also to share examples of interesting and innovative initiatives in English language assessment as a result of the pandemic in Cuba. We were highly represented by PhD. Santiago Rivera, National English Advisor at the Directorate of Professional Training of the Ministry of Higher Education; PhD. Isora J. Enríquez, Head of the National Commission of foreign languages educational degrees for MES (CNC) and MSc. Ivonne Collada de la Peña, Director of the Language Centre of the University of Informatics Sciences (UCI) and General Coordinator for CLAN, Cuban Language Assessment Network group from MES.

 We supported the APC ELI, the CNC and Martha Abreu University in Villa Clara in their joint action on the training: **Introducing Environmental Education into ELT and Developing Materials course**. The workshop was successfully delivered under a virtual scheme from July 8 to 10 through Telegram and Moodle platforms benefiting 143 participants among senior year students from the pedagogical majors in the Cuban universities and some of the English teachers from a wide range of universities along the country. The event, that had the special participation of our Country Director Minerva Rodríguez, greatly achieved its main goal of raising awareness about environmental issues through the sharing of practical examples to be used during the English lessons and exchanging on how to develop teaching materials that address this worldwide relevant

topic. This workshop was one of a series of actions that British Council Cuba will be developing along this year as our contribution to "The Climate Connection" initiative to support [Cop 26](#).

Let me finish by announcing our next collaboration on this regard. This time with the ALC GELI that will be delivering its workshop: **Environmental education in English language teaching** from 3 to 6 of August. Do not miss the opportunity to hear more about this event and its impact in our next edition.

Until then keep well and safe 😊

Yailat Landrove, Arts and English Manager

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Partners & friends

The **International Language Testing Association (ILTA)** recognized in its newsletter the work of the Cuban Language Proficiency Assessment Network (CLAN), of the Language Centre of the University of Informatics Sciences and the Ministry of Higher Education in Cuba for the development of a Cuban English proficiency test that is aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Congrats! The UCI Language Centre have also concluded another edition of the course "An introduction to academic writing in English" as part of the UCI's Summer School 2021 with the support of the British Council in Cuba.

[See comments from participants](#)

What's new?

As we head towards **COP26**, the global summit which will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, we are looking at the way different countries and segments of the population are affected and responding to the challenges. In the next British Council panel webinar as part of the Education Exchange serie, we will consider how climate change is affecting girls' education around the world. Don't miss it on **18 August from 11.00 to 12.00am Cuba time** through Teams.

[Save the date!](#)

Highlights

Have you thought about improving your teaching through multimedia content? If you missed our **New Ways of Teaching & Learning English in the Americas** webinar on Thursday, July 29, you can catch up now and being part of the launch of the first episode of New Ways of Teaching new podcast series that will answer many of your questions about the work of teachers and the educational community in the new era of education in the Americas region.

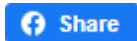
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