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#English4U (issue 9)



Dear ,

Welcome to the very first edition of our **#English4U** newsletter for the new fiscal year 2021-2022! Our team is pleased to share our latest news on ELT as well as the arising training opportunities for English language teachers, students and families along the island.

Let's begin by sharing briefly on the **APC ELI PRELIM's** actions: with thanks to this funding opportunity earned by the APC ELI, **48 Cuban ELTs** were able to exchange with the experts from the International House of Bristol as well as with the local ones leading on this training opportunities that counted on the support of the Ministry of Education, the University of Pedagogical sciences Enrique J. Varona, the APC as well as our own.

It should also be noted that this training was a challenge for several teachers who had to go from their schools or houses in the mountainous to an area with connectivity to be able to participate so, we consider as a very positive outcome that a group of these primary and secondary teachers who resided in **rural and remote areas were benefited**.

With regards to **GELI and the Hornby Trust funds** they've won I can say that is still a work in progress. The first workshop is being successfully delivered for the eastern region. Enthusiasm and commitment are noticed in the teachers taking part and in the organizing team...more to come once the training has concluded!

Is **Climate Change** one of the topics that you address as an English language teacher in your classroom? Are you interested in enhancing your knowledge and incorporate climate action to language education?

If you are...the **British Council** has announced the launch of a new global campaign to address the climate emergency in the lead up to the **26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26)** the UK will host in Glasgow, Scotland from 1 to 12 November.

The **Climate Connection** campaign will bring together people from around the world to share their ideas and perspectives on climate change, and to look for solutions using education, art and culture, and science. It will offer global conversations, art and science showcases, university scholarships, funding, research, and training opportunities.

Our office is actively involved not only in the promotion of the campaign and all the events within the program but is also supporting 3 teachers from the eastern, central and western regions to become our **focal points** for climate change in country.

These regional focal points are currently being training through British Council's professional development course **The climate action in Language education**. In collaboration with APCELI, MINED and UCLV we are expecting to cascade this relevant course to as many teachers as possible during the **Jornada Medioambientalista en ELT** that we are planning for July 2021.

If you are interested we will be providing more details about the program and enrolment opportunities on our next edition. Don't miss it! 🤝

Yaillet Landrove, Arts and English Manager

British Council Cuba

Register for Climate Action course module 2

Partners & friends

Green Paths Contest!!! On the occasion of the celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

What's new?

What role does sport play in the curriculum of successful schools? In our next Education Exchange

Birthday, the Cátedra de Estudios Británicos William Shakespeare from the University of Pedagogic Sciences "Enrique J. Varona" (CPEJV-FELEX), in association with Comisión Nacional de Carreras, APC-ELI and the British Council, calls university students, children, teenagers, teachers and families to express their knowledge, feelings and views in defense of the ecosystems and the environment. As advocated by projects and initiatives in the UK and Cuba, through: posters, photos, drawings accompanied by simple texts in English, poems, short essays (500 words). Teachers and teacher trainees are invited to submit lesson plans. **Deadline for presentation is June 3, 2021.**

**Submit your
proposals**

Highlights

At the end of April we conducted the online training **Challenges and opportunities from the EDI perspective** as part of the Webinar "**Towards Educational Inclusion in ELT**", held online by the APC-ELI Organizing Committee together with the National Foreign Languages Teacher Education Program and the National Board for English Language Education (CNC). Our presentation summarizes the main elements we consider relevant in our equality policy and the work we deliver in Cuba. As well as local and universal challenges that we have to face and overcome all together.

**See the video
presentation here**

free webinar "**Healthy bodies and minds for every child**", we will hear from teachers from around the world on what role sport has played in schooling during the past year; how is sport being used to support students to reintegrate back into physical classrooms and the challenges of running sports classes during the Covid-19 pandemic and the link between sport/exercise and mental health. Join us on **Wednesday 23 June 2021 at 10.00am Cuba time.**

Join us here!

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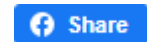
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