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PROGRAMME

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The **FL Forum Athens 2026**, taking place on **22 March 2026** at the Royal Olympic Hotel, brings together teachers, school owners, teacher trainers and educational organisations for a full day of reflection, dialogue and practical exploration of contemporary language education.

This year's Forum places particular emphasis on the human dimension of teaching, moving beyond methodology to examine the realities teachers face in today's classrooms. Across panel discussions, featured presentations and professional sessions, the programme explores how educators navigate change, manage professional pressure and design meaningful learning environments for diverse groups of learners.

The Forum opens space for dialogue on key issues shaping the profession. Panel discussions address topics such as the role of artificial intelligence in language education and the evolving function of language certification, examining how technological developments and assessment cultures influence both teaching practice and learner experience.

Several featured presentations focus on the teacher's role in shaping learning environments and supporting student development. Sessions explore themes including adolescent loneliness in the classroom, psychological resilience under professional pressure, student engagement as a deliberate pedagogical design, and the balance between teacher-centred and student-centred approaches in real teaching contexts.

Complementing these discussions, a series of professional presentations by leading publishers and educational organisations introduces new teaching materials, course-book approaches and learning pathways. These sessions provide practical insights into course design, learner engagement, communication skills development and certification preparation.

The Forum also features a book exhibition, where participants can explore the latest coursebooks, digital platforms and educational resources presented by major publishers in the ELT field.

A distinctive element of the programme is the collective reflection session "What I Wish I Knew When I Started Teaching," where speakers share personal insights and lessons learned from their professional journeys. This reflective component reinforces the Forum's central theme: recognising teaching not only as a technical profession but also as a human experience shaped by growth, uncertainty and continuous learning.

PROGRAMME

09:30 Welcome Coffee & Opening of Registration Desk

10:00 Exhibition opens

ROOM ATTICA

FEATURED PRESENTATION

10:25 11:25 **Dimitris Thanasoulas**, Translator, Linguist, Author

I Teach; I Don't Fall Apart

Teaching under sustained professional pressure leaves traces. This experiential workshop focuses on realistic, immediately applicable strategies to strengthen psychological resilience in demanding educational environments.

Participants will:

- identify personal stress patterns and early signs of exhaustion
- practise grounding and breathing micro-techniques
- explore assertive yet compassionate boundary-setting
- reframe self-critical internal dialogue

ROOM OLYMPIA B

FEATURED PRESENTATION

10:25 11:25 **Κλαίρη Σειραδάκη**, Ψυχολόγος, Συμβουλευτική Ψυχολόγος και Ψυχοθεραπεύτρια για οικογένειες και ενήλικες

ΕΦΗΒΕΙΑ & ΜΟΝΑΞΙΑ: Τι δε λένε ποτέ οι μαθητές;

Παρότι οι έφηβοι βρίσκονται καθημερινά μέσα σε ομάδες, πολλοί βιώνουν έντονα συναισθήματα μοναξιάς, τα οποία σπάνια εκφράζουν ανοιχτά... Η ομιλία έχει διαδραστικό χαρακτήρα και καλεί τους εκπαιδευτικούς να συμμετέχουν ενεργά μοιράζοντας δικές τους εμπειρίες, όπου ένωσαν ότι «κάτι δεν πάει καλά» με έναν μαθητή, αλλά έμεινε στα «ανείπωτα»... Στόχος της συνάντησης είναι να δημιουργηθεί ένας ασφαλής χώρος ανταλλαγής, όπου οι εκπαιδευτικοί καλούνται να ενισχύσουν την παρατηρητικότητα, την ενσυναίσθηση και την παρουσία τους. Γιατί συχνά, αυτό που χρειάζεται περισσότερο ένας έφηβος δεν είναι μια έτοιμη απάντηση, αλλά κάποιος που θα αντέξει να ακούσει και όσα δεν λέγονται...

ROOM ATTICA

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

11:30 12:20 Hamilton House Publishers

Nadia Theochari, International Business Development Manager/Educational Consultant, Hamilton House Publishers

English With Bamboo – Just for You!

English with Bamboo is a lively two-level course for young learners. Guided by Bamboo, Miranda, Jenny, and Max, children enjoy adventures through stories, activities, and TPR songs. With a clear syllabus, structured lessons, and ample practice, the program builds vocabulary, confidence, and fluency in a fun, engaging way.

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PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

11:30 11:55 Burlington Books

Anne Leventeris, Senior Teacher Trainer, Burlington Books

Here Comes Buzz!

Here Comes Buzz! Follow Buzz on his thrilling adventures as he tries to stop Silva from turning their beautiful world grey. Burlington's new junior course is buzzing with amazing features: social emotional learning activities, stunning documentary videos, inspirational handcrafted projects and much more to give students the very best start to learning English.

ROOM OLYMPIA B

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

12:00 12:50 Express Publishing

Katerina Mantadaki, Senior ELT Educational Consultant

From Pages to Projects: How Coursebooks and Classroom Practices Build School Reputation

Soft skills that show. Projects. Debates. STEAM. Values. Smart fun. Lessons students and parents remember. In today's competitive educational landscape, what happens in the classroom matters more than ever. Discover ready-to-use teaching ideas, already embedded in our coursebooks, that work wonders with your students and turn everyday lessons into a competitive advantage. Teaching that shapes students and helps your school stand out is the only marketing plan you need.

ROOM ATTICA**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION****12:25 12:50 MM Publications****Maria Mpaka**, Private Schools Account Manager, Teacher Trainer, Academic Consultant**Cool Team: Learn, Play, Succeed Together**

Welcome to an English series that turns every lesson into an exciting journey. With fresh, innovative methods, students explore, experiment, and grow with confidence. Activities encourage risk-taking, where mistakes are part of the fun, helping learners build real skills, confidence, and a lasting love for English.

ROOM OLYMPIA B**FEATURED PRESENTATION****12:55 13:40 PANEL DISCUSSION****Vasilis Tsonidis**, English teacher, DoS, Co-owner Tsonidis Language Schools**Efi Glymi**, English Language Teacher, Specific Learning Difficulties Teacher, Teacher Trainer**Katherine Reilly**, Teacher Trainer, Academic Lecturer, Author**ΑΙ στο ELT: Εργαλείο, Όριο και Παιδαγωγική Ευθύνη!**

Το ερώτημα δεν είναι αν το ΑΙ είναι «καλό» ή «κακό». Το ουσιαστικό ερώτημα είναι πώς, τότε και με ποια παιδαγωγική ευθύνη το εντάσσουμε στη διδασκαλία.

Στο πάνελ έχουμε εκπαιδευτικούς με διαφορετικές οπτικές, που δεν βρίσκονται σε αντιπαράθεση, αλλά σε διάλογο. Κοινός τους στόχος είναι η ουσιαστική μάθηση και ο ρόλος του εκπαιδευτικού μέσα σε έναν κόσμο που αλλάζει.

ROOM ATTICA

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

13:45 14:10 EdSkills Academy

Natassa Manitsa. English Educator, Teacher Trainer, Digital Marketing Specialist, Author, Founder of EduMarketing Agency, Co-founder of EdSkills Academy

EdSkills Academy: Shaping Smarter Learning Paths

EdSkills Academy presents an integrated educational ecosystem that connects internationally recognised English language certifications with creative communication pathways and targeted professional development. Its academic portfolio includes Trinity College London and TOEFL, alongside the Trinity Pathway, where Drama, Music, and Communication support authentic language use. The session also introduces educator training in ISO standards - IB, PYP, MYP, Emotional Intelligence and AI in Education and Neurolanguage Coaching (ICF-accredited), inviting participants to explore practical, future-ready learning solutions.

ROOM OLYMPIA B

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

13:45 14:10 Burlington Books

Anne Leventeris, Senior Teacher Trainer, Burlington Books

Looking for the best way to bridge the gap between C class and B1? Join In 3 is the answer!

Looking for the best way to bridge the gap between C class and B1? Join In 3 is the answer! Specially designed for Generation Alpha, our new A-C series, Join In, invites students to learn, think and create together while enhancing all four major language skills.

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PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

14:15 14:40 Global ELT & Macmillan Education

Maria Diavati, FLS Owner, Teacher Trainer, Author, Macmillan

CLIL Crossroads: Where Learning Meets Freedom, Possibility, and Choice

Discover how themed portfolios encourage active engagement, critical thinking, and real-world skills, offering students the freedom to explore, choose, and grow.

ROOM OLYMPIA B

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

14:15 14:40 QLS

Ioanna Scarligou, Owner, Byron Foreign Language Centre

Viewpoints: A Speaking Toolkit

From Quiet to Confident – QLS’s Approach to Boosting Teens’ Conversational Skills

In today’s digital age, teenagers often struggle with face-to-face communication, largely due to their constant engagement with screens. This decline in interpersonal interaction has created new challenges for EFL teachers aiming to develop students’ speaking skills.

In response, the QLS Content Team has developed Viewpoints—a unique and practical speaking toolkit designed to help educators foster confident, articulate speakers in the EFL classroom. Viewpoints promotes oral fluency, teamwork, and self-expression through the use of short stories, impactful photographs, and thought-provoking discussion topics that resonate with teenagers’ real-life experiences.

A key feature of the toolkit is its targeted focus on preparing students for oral exams, particularly those requiring photo descriptions and situational dialogues. By integrating engaging coaching content from the Points of You method with practical outcomes, Viewpoints transforms speaking practice from a challenge into an opportunity for growth—for both teachers and students.

ROOM ATTICA

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

14:45 15:10 Global ELT & Macmillan Education

Andrew Betsis, Global ELT & Macmillan Education

The Changing Landscape of English Language Assessment

ELT Exams now serve different life pathways, not just “proving level”. How to Recommend the Right Exam for the Right Learner. And why.

ROOM OLYMPIA B

FEATURED PRESENTATION

14:45 **15:10** **Dr. Eugenia Papaioannou**, EFL/ESL educator and co-founder of 'Educational Dynamics' Language Centre

The Teacher as Architect of Student Engagement

Student engagement does not happen by accident. It is intentionally designed. Dr. Eugenia Papaioannou approaches engagement through three interconnected lenses:

- The historical evolution of teaching identities and their impact on student behaviour
- Interactive exploration of pedagogical interventions that genuinely increase participation
- Equity and inclusivity, challenging the assumption of the "disinterested student"

ROOM ATTICA

FEATURED PRESENTATION

15:15 **16:00** **COLLECTIVE REFLECTION**

What would you tell yourself if you could go back to your first year of teaching?

All Forum speakers will respond to one simple but powerful question: If I could speak to myself when I first started teaching... what would I say?

Each speaker will share:

- lessons learned
- moments that changed their perspective
- advice they wish they had received earlier

This collective reflection moves beyond methodology and focuses on experience, growth and the realities of the profession.

ROOM ATTICA

FEATURED PRESENTATION

16:05 16:30 **Αγγελική Μαρίνου**, FLS owner, BA in Translation and Interpretation, MA in Applied Linguistics, Author and Publisher

SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) στην Πράξη

Πώς μπορεί ένας εκπαιδευτικός να δημιουργήσει ένα ασφαλές και θετικό κλίμα στην τάξη, χωρίς να γίνει ψυχολόγος και χωρίς να χάσει χρόνο από την ύλη;

Η παρουσίαση αυτή βασίζεται στην πραγματική εμπειρία της τάξης. Η Αγγελική Μαρίνου μοιράζεται παραδείγματα και πρακτικά εργαλεία που έχει εφαρμόσει για να ενισχύσει τη συναισθηματική σύνδεση με τους μαθητές της.

Θα μάθετε:

- Πώς να ξεκινάτε το μάθημα με ένα «συναισθηματικό θερμόμετρο»
- Πώς να δημιουργείτε χώρο για «μπράβο» και ενθάρρυνση μεταξύ των μαθητών
- Πώς να συνδημιουργείτε με τους μαθητές μια Συμφωνία Τάξης που καλλιεργεί σεβασμό και εμπιστοσύνη

ROOM OLYMPIA B

FEATURED PRESENTATION

16:05 16:30 **Dr Dimitris Maroulis**, Teacher Trainer, FLS Owner

Teacher-Centred or Student-Centred? What Works in Real Classrooms

This session moves beyond theoretical debate and focuses on classroom reality.

Dr. Dimitris Maroulis compares teacher-centred and student-centred approaches through practical examples, examining:

- lesson control and structure
- levels of student participation
- classroom management dynamics
- age-specific application

Rather than choosing one model over the other, the session explores how thoughtful integration of both approaches leads to stronger engagement and deeper understanding.

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FEATURED PRESENTATION

16:35 **17:20** PANEL DISCUSSION

Language Certificates: Panic or Planning?

Language certificates inspire both panic and planning among learners, teachers, and institutions. This panel discussion examines why high-stakes certification provokes anxiety, how preparation cultures emerge, and what certificates actually measure. Drawing on classroom practice and policy debates, it offers strategies to shift from fear-driven compliance to purposeful, learner-centred planning with meaningful assessment outcomes across diverse educational contexts and stakeholder expectations.

Panelists:

Maria Diavati, FLS Owner, Teacher Trainer, Author
Peggy Karagianni, DOS at Ellinoaggliki Agogi, FLS Owner
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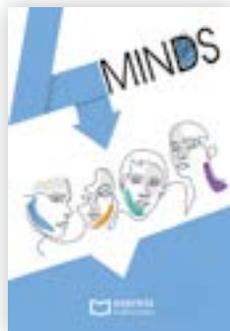
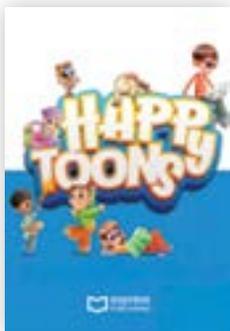


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