



## **Supporting professional development**

This e-newsletter shares news and information for English language teaching professionals from the Trinity TESOL team. You can also download it as a [PDF](#).

## **Teaching resources**

### **Award-winning innovation**

Trinity caught up with the British Council award winner Jamie Keddie, creator of [Lessonstream](#) (formerly TEFLclips), to find out about the latest innovations on his resource-filled site, see [www.lessonstream.org](http://www.lessonstream.org).

- 88 lesson plans are now available - significantly more than in 2009 when they won an ELTon award
- Most of the lesson plans are based around short online videos
- The search facility now allows teachers to find activities according to level, learner type, time, activity, language aim, topic and materials.
- All resources remain free

Teachers can also subscribe to newsletter updates to be kept informed when new resources become available.

A popular type of activity that has evolved over the years is 'videotelling'. This is good old-fashioned, teacher-led storytelling! However, the difference from normal storytelling is that these stories come from the narratives of short online videos instead of from the teacher.

One of the reasons for the success of videotelling is the positive feedback it gets from students, which is partly down to the pleasant surprise they get when they eventually watch the video their teacher has been describing. See an example of videotelling entitled 'Splat' [here](#).



In addition to keeping the website up to date, Jamie is writing a book about videotelling. If you would like to get involved in supporting him, visit [www.videotelling.com](http://www.videotelling.com) to find out more.

## New from Trinity

### **TYLEC now more widely available**

Trinity is delighted to announce that the popular [Teaching Young Learners Extension Certificate \(TYLEC\)](#) can now be offered by validated course providers all over the world.

This means that TYLEC's success, fostered by the support of over 20 existing British Council centres worldwide, can now be shared by other training centres who can apply to Trinity to run their own in-service TYLEC course.

Training courses for the TYLEC enable teachers of young learners to gain specialist knowledge which supports them with the pedagogy of teaching children English.

With an ever-growing focus on teaching younger learners, this qualification can help fill an important gap in teachers' professional development. Further details are available on our website at [www.trinitycollege.com/TYLEC](http://www.trinitycollege.com/TYLEC).

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### **Sharing ideas about best practice**

The [English UK Teachers' Conference](#), held in London last month, once again provided a great opportunity for teachers to share ideas about best practice and find out about what's currently happening in ELT.

Scott Thornbury's plenary on the [SLA Hall of Fame](#)\* provided an excellent opportunity to remind us of the importance of not ruling out ways of learning and of maintaining an evidence-based approach to our practice as professional language teachers.

Using a variety of researched case studies, Scott was able to show how different learners have maximised local contexts to reach impressive levels of language acquisition - highlighting the need for flexible teaching and lesson delivery to support learners.

\*Source: SLA (Second Language Acquisition) presentation slides from [www.englishuk.com](http://www.englishuk.com).

## Tell us what you think

If you'd like to tell us about resources that you find useful, or suggest other newsletter content of interest to EL professionals, get in touch with us via email at [tesol@trinitycollege.com](mailto:tesol@trinitycollege.com).

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