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2022 COMEBACK Conference

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Saturday MARCH 26TH 2022 from 8.00—16.00

ILC International House Brno, Sukova 2, 1st and 2nd floor
Practical workshops and seminars, conference pack,
lunch, raffle, after-conference drinks



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GENERAL INFO

On Arrival

The entrance foyer of the school will be used for registration. The seminar rooms are on the first and second floors.

Other Information

Drinks and refreshments will be provided on the first floor.

There will be displays by a number of publishing companies.

Important!

We use a first-come, first-served system for each session, meaning that once the room is full (i.e. no more seats), it will be at the presenter's discretion as to whether you can attend the session or not.

Registration

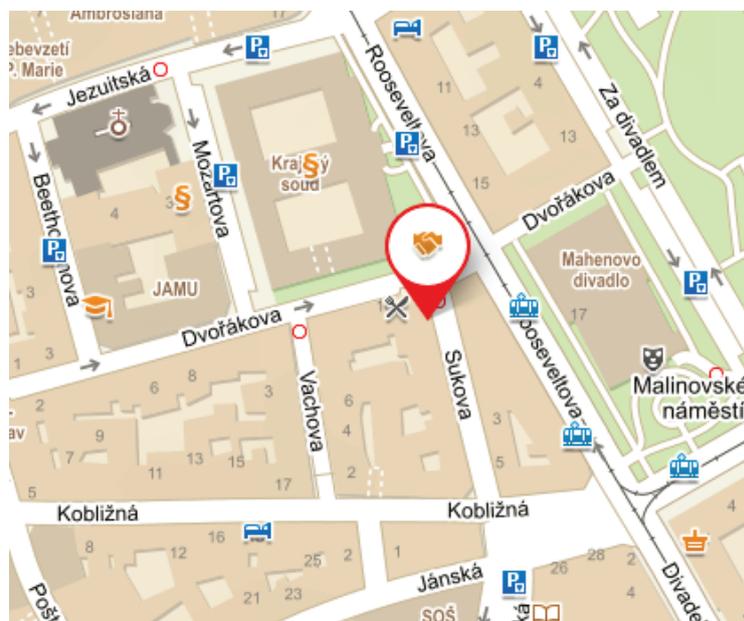
Please note that there are a limited number of places available so register now at

<https://www.ilcbrno.cz/cz/kurzy/vzdelavani-lektoru/konference-a-seminare/the-comeback-conference-2022>

This conference is accredited by the Czech Ministry of Education.

The venue

ILC International House Brno, language school, Sukova 2, 602 00 Brno
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8.00—9.00 **REGISTRATION**

9.00—10.00 **MORNING SESSIONS 1**

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11.15—12.30 **LUNCH**
BOOK EXHIBITION AND INFORMATION

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Room 1

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I've used these language practice tasks numerous times and always go back to them. Their VAK elements - visual, auditory and kinaesthetic - help to make learning fun and more memorable. Come and try them out!



Peter has had a varied and colourful teaching career in both the private and state sectors, teaching children and adults in over 10 countries. His training experience includes working with school teachers in Europe and China, as well as mentoring newly qualified teachers.

Peter is also a tutor on the IHCYLT at ILC IH Brno.

Virtual Reality in your classroom - and other steps in the digital transformation

Room 2

Jonathan Dykes, Molehill, Barcelona
Josip Sobin, Jantar - International House Split

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Josip will then give you an update and some insight into another exciting project that is playing a part in transforming language education around the world. Next Generation Placement Tests is an innovative digital system that allows for adaptive testing, i.e. it tests students at their level.

Jonathan and Josip are bringing their VR headsets and other innovative tools for you to try out in the lunch break too! Make sure you stop by the 'Innovations Corner'.

Both projects are funded by the Erasmus+ program.



Jonathan has spent most of his professional life in language school management. He founded Net Languages, a Web-based language school, and he was also co-founder of Green Standard Schools, an association of schools committed to protecting the environment. VR4LL is one of several Erasmus projects he is currently working on.



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Pavla Milerski, ILC International House Brno

Room 3

Reading texts are great and reading activities are great too. But what about the other language inside the text? Let's look at how we can take the language out of reading texts. We will go through some practical activities that can help our students remember, actively use and personalise some useful chunks of language from the materials we use.



As a teacher and a teacher trainer together with being a Cambridge Speaking examiner for more than 15 years, Pavla's passion lies in sharing methodology tips to provide support for both teachers and students.

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Mixed-ability classes

Vladimíra Skopcová, Macmillan Education

Room 3

Let's face it - more than one student is a mixed-ability class! We all know how difficult it is – the students are at various levels, have different needs, interests and learning types. This session will focus on practical ways to make these lessons more effective, manageable and sustainable.

(Upper-Primary, Pre-Teens, Teens)



Vlad'ka has 20 years' experience of teaching both young learners and adults in a range of situations. Having completed her CELTA and DELTA, she started working as a DOS. Vlad'ka currently divides her time between teaching and teacher training. She has been working for Macmillan Education since 2014.

Read your way to better English

Zuzana Jurašíková, Oxford University Press

Room 9

Extensive Reading plays an essential part in learners' journey to fluency. Learners have fun while reading about topics they enjoy and develop complex language skills at the same time. But how to encourage learners to simply read more? How can your students read their way to better English? Join Zuzana's talk where she will introduce Oxford Reading Club – a smart way to read digital graded readers by Oxford University Press

Zuzana Jurašíková has worked in the education field for about 10 years. She taught English in the Czech Republic, Greece and Ukraine and organized informal education activities for language learners in Oxford and London. Thanks to her passion for international education, she had an opportunity to speak at conferences in the United States and to organize internship and volunteer programs for American students. Her love for languages brought her to Spain, where she studied another world language and began to focus her career on digital education and blended learning. Nowadays, Zuzana is based in Prague and works as a Customer Success Consultant at Oxford University Press. In her role, she helps teachers across Europe to make the most out of the digital solutions offered by OUP.



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Charles spent the earlier part of his career in business in the UK. For much of this time he was involved in Management Training for a multi-national retail company. As part of this he completed a one year part time course organised by Cranfield School of Management. For the last eight years, after completing the CELTA course in Prague, he has been teaching English in the Czech Republic. He has wide experience teaching at ILC, where he is involved in teacher mentoring and teacher training; in addition, he is a regular presenter at ILC conferences. He also teaches in a Gymnasium and has given teacher training courses for state school teachers.

Let us tell you a story

Room 2

Dave Cleary, ILC International House Brno

Josip Sobin, Jantar - International House Split

Stories play an important part in our lives, and in language teaching. In this session we will showcase two incredible projects that make use of the power of stories to bring fantastic opportunities to your students. Dave will talk about City Stories; the local legends of three iconic European cities - Barcelona, Split and Brno - are being turned into Digital Escape Rooms for learners to both enjoy the stories and learn about culture and language.

Following this, Josip from International House Split will introduce you to Remote Theatre. This is an exciting new genre of theatre that is being used to help learners of English to rehearse and eventually perform plays that they have created themselves to audiences around the world. It provides an opportunity for young people to find a space where they can practice English, interact spontaneously, and share something of who they are and what they want to say in an interesting and very motivating context.

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Spice up your teaching

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Eoin is originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland and has been working as an English teacher for almost 4 years. Prior to commencing his teaching career at ILC Brno, he was primarily involved in support roles for children and young people with Special Needs and had worked in both the UK and the US. Eoin enjoys the playfulness and diversity of the language classroom.

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