

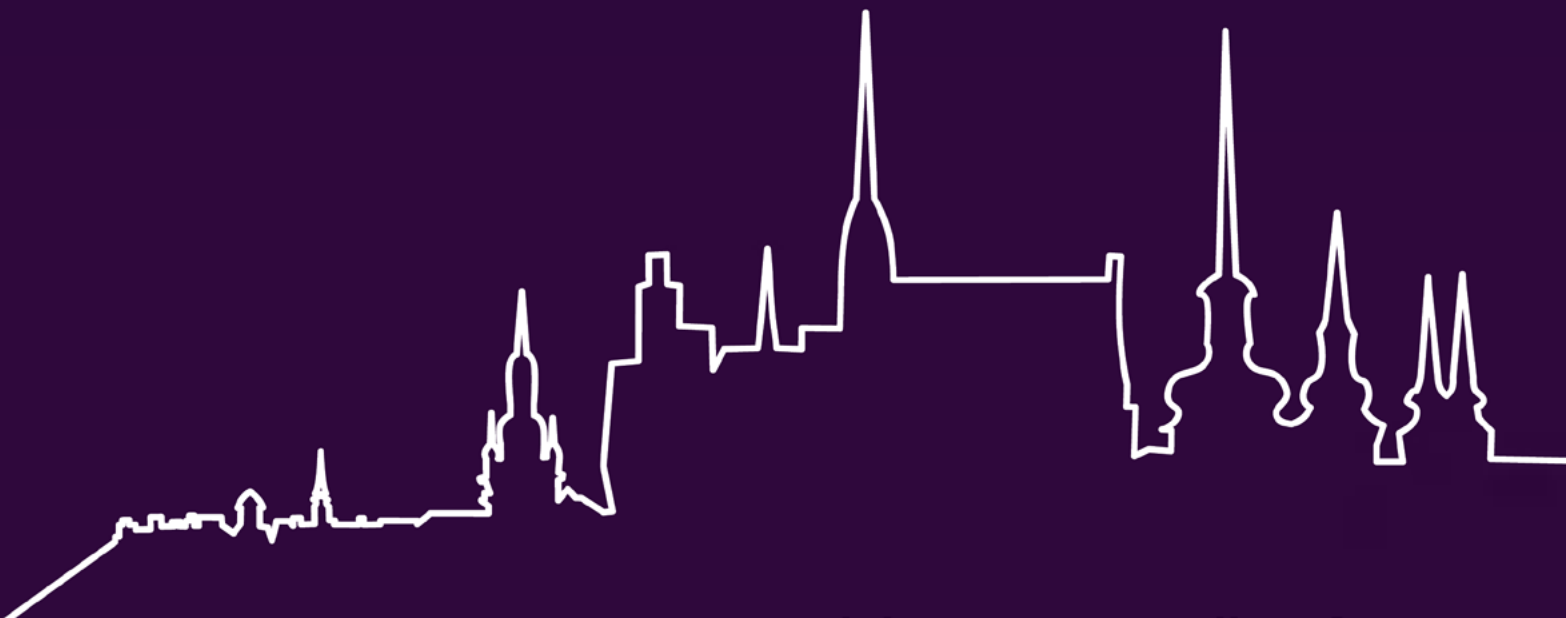
Brilliant Brno!

Conference

2023 Programme

Saturday 4th March 2023

**ILC International House Brno,
Sukova 2, 1st and 2nd floor**





Teacher Training Centre

Publishers



Restaurant



On Arrival

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

Registration

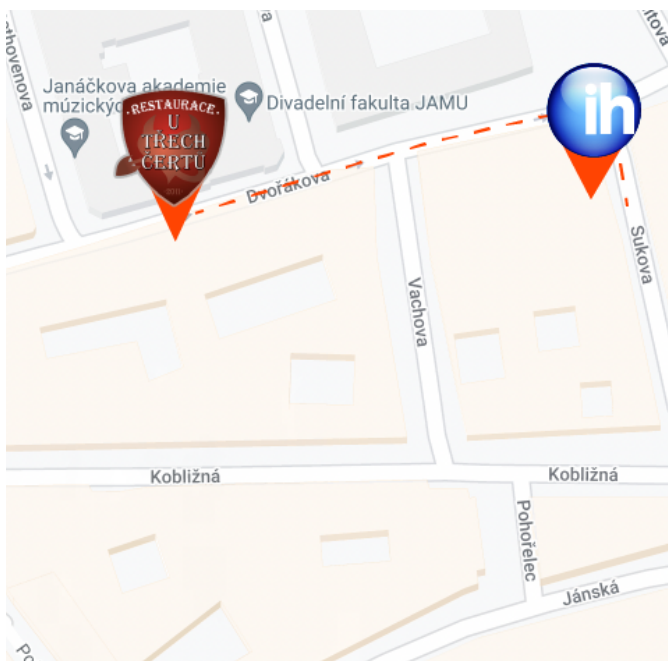
Please note that there are a limited number of places available so register now at: [Brilliant Brno! Conference 2023](#)
This conference is accredited by the Czech Ministry of Education.

Other Information

Drinks and refreshments will be provided on the first floor.
There will be displays by a number of publishing companies.

The venue

ILC International House Brno
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00—9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00—10:00 MORNING SESSIONS 1

Feedback - Who Needs the Teacher?

Charles du Parc

ILC International House Brno

Room 1

Fun Translation Activities for Language Learning

Dita Phillips

Masaryk University

Room 2

Reaching Higher

Daniela Clarke

Macmillan Education

Room 3

Lend Me Your Ears

Ani Aloyan

ILC International House Brno

Room 9

10:00—10:15 BREAK
PUBLISHERS' EXHIBITION

10:15—11:15 MORNING SESSIONS 2

Every City Has a Story

Dave Cleary

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Lifting Exam Practice Material off the Page

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British Council

Room 9

11:15—12:30 LUNCH
BOOK EXHIBITION AND INFORMATION

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

12:30—13:30 AFTERNOON SESSIONS 3

Feedback - Who Needs the Teacher?

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ILC International House Brno

Room 1

How I Motivate My Students?

Nina Hanáková

Freelance English Teacher

Room 2

5-Minute Activities

Jitka Dopitová

Oxford University Press

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15:00—16:00 Q&A and drinks

Feedback-Who Needs the Teacher?

09:00 - 10:00
12:30 - 13:30

Room 1

Charles Du Parc, ILC International House Brno

Feedback isn't just about providing the right answer; it's part of the language acquisition process. When and how should feedback be given and does it have to involve the teacher? This session explores ways for students to evaluate their own work and that of their peers.



Charles spent the earlier part of his career in business in the UK. For much of this he was involved in Management training for a multinational retail company. Since 2005, after completing the CELTA course in Prague, he has been teaching English in Brno, Czech Republic. He currently teaches at Gymnázium Slovanské náměstí and for ILC International House, where he is involved in teacher mentoring and training. He also has wide experience teaching for businesses, specialising in legal and financial English.

Every City Has a Story

10:15 - 11:15
13:45 - 14:45

Room 1

Dave Cleary, ILC International House Brno

Good stories are an amazing learning tool, as they engage the audience and challenge them to think about and comprehend the information they are presented with. Using an interactive digital platform, we can send students on a unique cultural journey and allow them to participate in telling the story. In this session, I will show you how to bring some of Brno's stories to life, and how to make your own simple but exciting and interactive experiences for your students.



Dave Cleary is a DELTA qualified English language teacher and teacher trainer living and working in Brno. He came to the Czech Republic in the summer of 2000 and has worked here ever since. Dave's first teacher training experience was to his peers, and for more than a decade he has written and delivered teacher training sessions at both international conferences and on local training courses. He is now Director of Projects and Innovation at ILC International House Brno.

Fun Translation Activities for Language Learning

09:00 - 10:00
10:15 - 11:15

Room 2

Dita Phillips, Masaryk University

Do you ever feel torn about using Czech in the classroom? You shouldn't! As a multilingual teacher you have the potential to provide yet another teaching method to help your students learn, and that's translation. In this session you will try out a number of fun translation activities for language learning (Czech/English) that will rehabilitate translation in the classroom and show you what an asset sharing your students' language can be!



Dita has been involved in English-language teaching since 1999. She holds an MA in English as well as the CELTA and DELTA qualifications. She has been working as a teacher trainer since 2010 and has taught and trained in different countries, including the UK and Malta. Dita is currently teaching Business English at the Faculty of Economics and Administration as well as leading CELTA courses at Masaryk University. Her specialist interests are CPD and the use of technology in language teaching.

How I Motivate My Students

12:30 - 13:30
13:45 - 14:45

Room 2

Nina Hanáková, Freelance English Teacher

Come join me in discussing how we can best help our students with motivation. Each student is different and needs both inner and outer motivators in order to improve. I will share with you how I help my students learn what they really need and enjoy the process, including different strategies and techniques. And you can share with us what works for you! This is an interactive workshop with lots of practical tips and cooperation with other teachers.



Nina, freelance English teacher since 2004, is a founder of Nina English school and Klub úspěšných lektorek angličtiny. Nina has vast experience with language coaching and running experiential courses for women. Her motto is "English without course books and school desks." In recent years her passion has been building a community of freelance English teachers where she helps other teachers with methodology and entrepreneurship through her teachers' club, webinars, podcast, masterminds, courses and conferences for language teachers.

Reaching Higher

09:00 - 10:00

Room 3

Daniela Clarke, Macmillan Education

In this session we will look at how we can help upper-intermediate/advanced learners expand their vocabulary range and reach a higher level of language competence. We will explore how to effectively build up topical lexis, starting from individual words and moving on to collocation, phrasal verbs, lexical chunks and functional language, and examine ways to push learners to use newly learned vocabulary in their productive skills. The session is aimed at teachers on both general English and FCE/CAE exam courses.

Activity Bag

10:15 - 11:15

Room 3

Daniela Clarke, Macmillan Education

Are you looking for ideas on how to make learning fun for teens? In this hands-on workshop we will look at teaching strategies that keep teens interested and involved. You will walk away with a bagful of fun, interactive and flexible activities for teaching grammar, vocabulary, speaking and writing.



Daniela is a teacher, teacher trainer and ELT writer. She has been involved in ELT for over 25 years, mainly in the UK and the Czech Republic. Her teaching experience ranges from young learners to adults of all language levels and competences, and her teacher training experience covers training on TESOL, CELTA and assessor courses and instructional coaching. Daniela is especially interested in the theory of learning, motivational teaching strategies and tactile learning.

5-Minute Activities

12:30 - 13:30

Room 3

Jitka Dopitová, Oxford University Press

No matter if they are called warmers, fillers or coolers, what can be done in five minutes is what matters. The workshop offers a variety of activities to try out and adapt to the needs and levels of your students. Come and enjoy yourselves, entertain your brains and leave enriched with experience.



Jitka Dopitová has not been with Oxford University Press for long. She started to work as an Educational Consultant in October 2022. She began learning English when she was ten and has not stopped since. She studied at St. Andrew's in Cambridge, passed the State Exam back in the Czech Republic, ran a language school, used to teach at private and state-owned institutions, and in the past three years, you could meet her at the British Centre in Olomouc.

Grammar is Fun!

Fernanda Riegert Borba, ILC International House Brno

13:45 - 14:45

Room 3

Teaching grammar can be challenging because most students consider it boring or difficult. This workshop aims at showing that a grammar lesson can be interesting and engaging. Some practical ideas and games will be shared about different content (e.g. passive voice, irregular verbs, etc).



Fernanda is a CELTA and IH CYLT qualified English teacher and a Senior teacher at ILC IH Brno. She has been teaching a variety of age groups and levels for 20 years. She originally comes from Brazil but she has lived in and visited many English speaking countries, such as the USA, Canada, Australia, England and South Africa. She has worked as a teacher trainer in Brazil too.

Lend Me Your Ears

Ani Aloyan, ILC International House Brno

09:00 - 10:00
13:45 - 14:45

Room 9

Top-down listening activities, such as relying on context or world knowledge before listening to a recording, have traditionally dominated in our classrooms. But does relying on top-down skills make our students better listeners? In this session we will explore the often-overlooked role of bottom-up listening skills (recognising sounds, syllables, structures etc.). So, lend me your ears and let's run through some activities developing bottom-up skills that make our learners better at listening tasks.



Ani is a CELTA, IH CYLT and DELTA (Module 1 and 2) qualified English teacher and the DoS at ILC IH Brno. She has been teaching a variety of age groups and levels for many years now. She originally comes from Armenia but her ELT travel map has included Beirut, China, Armenia and Czechia. She has also been working as an ELT mentor and teacher trainer with the British Council Armenia. Her current pedagogical interests include, but are not limited to, teaching young learners and exams skills.

Lifting Exam Practice Material off the Page

Ben Herber, British Council

10:15 - 11:15
12:30 - 13:30

Room 9

Exam preparation classes regularly make use of sample exam questions, but teachers often see such materials as simply forms of practice rather than a potentially rich source of language and activities in their own right. This session will provide teachers with some practical hints and tips for getting more out of exam practice materials in a manner which has a positive impact on learner outcomes and motivation.



Ben has been a teacher for over 12 years and has worked in the Czech Republic, Jordan, Libya, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia. He has experience teaching nearly all age groups and abilities, including work in elementary schools around Prague. He also has an interest in web development, and indeed, has even coded apps with his students in mind.



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