



Back to School Online Event

October 1 and 2, 2021

Event Schedule (Cairo Local Time: GMT+2)

Day 1: Friday, October 1, 2021

Register here: https://bit.ly/Back2School_2021

10:00 am to 10:30 am	Event Inauguration
10:45 am to 11:30 am Speaker: Natalia Bagdavadze British Council, Georgia	<i>The Importance of Debriefing in Learning</i> This talk examines the debriefing strategies that aid in the creation of a sense of progress by guiding learners through the experiential learning cycle. The trainer will highlight the benefits of debriefing and share practical activities and techniques that would give participants the confidence to explore debrief techniques in their own classrooms.
01:00 pm to 01:45 pm Speaker: Shonali Khanna British Council, India	<i>Teacher Resilience: Thrive rather than Survive</i> In the presentation, the trainer will endeavour to identify and understand the common factors promoting teacher resilience and discuss solutions to the challenges that often arise in our professional environment. She will also demonstrate how these solutions can be practically applied in a teacher's own work context fostering resilience and empowerment.
02:00 pm to 02:45 pm Speaker: William Owen British Council, Egypt	<i>The Thinking Classroom: Philosophy and Metacognition in Secondary Classes</i> This session focuses on the use of philosophy and metacognition in the secondary classroom and the contributions they can have towards developing creative and critical thinking. Socratic thinking, essential questions, thinking hats and more can be used in class to build logic, problem solving and critical thinking skills.
03:00 pm to 03:45 pm Speaker: Siham Merzouk British Council, Algeria	<i>Using Drama in Face-to-face and Online Teaching</i> This session will introduce a set of drama activities such as hot seating, thought tracking, role on the wall and freeze frames that can be used to teach different school subjects, and trigger creative thinking in the teens' classroom. The trainer will share ideas for adapting some of these activities for online classes.



Day 2: Saturday, October 2, 2021

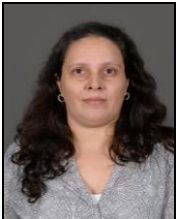
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<p><i>09:45 am to 10:00 am</i></p>	<p><i>Welcome to Day 2</i></p>
<p><i>10:00 am to 10:45 am</i></p> <p>Speaker: Bassant Shenaf British Council, Egypt</p>	<p><i>Online and Face-to-face Tech Tools for Teaching Teens</i> This session will demonstrate how to use accessible software and web tools that allow classroom practitioners to deliver more engaging lessons for teenagers. Participants will be shown online games, websites, IT tools that facilitate teens' language acquisition skills, and allow both teens and educators to become more digitally literate.</p>
<p><i>11:00 am to 11:45 am</i></p> <p>Speaker: Lesley Keast British Council, Spain</p>	<p><i>Learning from the Granny Cloud</i> The Granny Cloud supports children from disadvantaged backgrounds to develop their digital literacy and English, being supported by Zoom volunteers around the world. Participants will look at how the Granny Cloud works and how some of the project's way of working into our ELT classrooms.</p>
<p><i>12:00 pm to 12:45 pm</i></p> <p>Speakers: Shonali Khanna Radhika Sista British Council, India</p>	<p><i>Drifts in a 21st Century YL Classroom</i> This presentation provides easy tips for parents and teachers to adapt to the new norm by making use of the resources available at home and tweaking these resources to suit both offline and online teaching. The presenters will also share useful strategies to help accelerate children's learning at home.</p>
<p><i>02:00 pm to 02:45 pm</i></p> <p>Speaker: Grace Boosey British Council, Mexico</p>	<p><i>Online with Early Years: Lessons Learnt</i> In this session the trainer will discuss the main challenges of teaching Early Years online and how to overcome them. Participants will be introduced to some practical tips for making online classes as effective and engaging as possible, with some example activities that work well with very young learners.</p>
<p><i>03:00 pm to 04:00 pm</i></p>	<p><i>Teacher Training Fair</i> Get to know more about British Council Egypt's teacher training courses and qualifications. Don't miss our raffle draw surprise!</p>

Meet Our Speakers Day 1



Natalia Bagdavadze has an extensive and diverse experience in teaching English. She holds the CELTA, DELTA, TYLEC and a PhD in English Philology. She's an Academic Manager at British Council Georgia, overseeing teaching quality and delivering training.



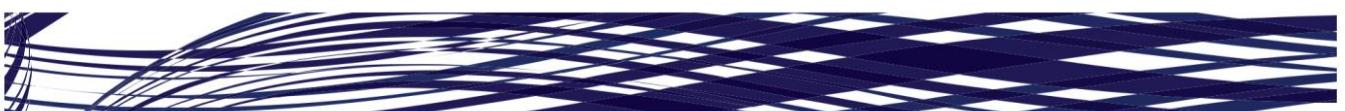
Shonali Khanna is an Academic Manager at British Council India. She is a teacher, content creator, teacher educator and e-moderator. She holds the Cambridge DELTA and a certificate in Academic Management from International House, London.



Siham Merzouk is a DELTA qualified teacher working for the British Council in Algeria. She has an experience teaching in both public and private schools and delivering training sessions on teaching young learners.



William Owen has been working in ESL since 2014. He's taught in Turkey, Vietnam, Palestine, Romania, Georgia, and now Egypt. He holds the CELTA, TYLEC and DELTA and is currently Senior Teacher at the British Council, Egypt.



Meet Our Speakers

Day 2



Lesley Keast has been part of the Granny Cloud Core Team since 2015. She is the Qualifications Manager at British Council Spain and leads the English in the Classroom MA module at the University of Alcalá.



Radhika Sista is an Academic Coordinator at British Council India. She is a teacher, content creator, teacher educator and e-moderator. She holds a Diploma in teaching adult learners (DELTA) and Certificate in teaching young learners (CELTYL).



Shonali Khanna is an Academic Manager at British Council India. She is a teacher, content creator, teacher educator and e-moderator. She holds the Cambridge DELTA and a certificate in Academic Management from International House, London.



Grace Boosey has taught in Turkey, Vietnam and Mexico over the past 7 years and is currently the Senior Teacher for Young Learners and Early Years at the British Council Mexico. She holds the TYLEC and DipTESOL qualifications.



Bassant Shenaf is a teacher of English at British Council Egypt who holds the CELTA and TYLEC qualifications. She is interested in the use of IT tools to facilitate learning and create engaging and authentic online classes.

