

Call for Papers : TESOL FRANCE SPRING DAY 2019

THE NEXT GENERATION?

There's a lot of talk about Gen X, Y, Z and Alpha, but what exactly does that mean for English language teaching? Spring Day 2019 will look at themes related to learning for the new generations, with a focus on practical activities.

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As you may or may not know, TESOL France will be changing its legal address and headquarters in this next year as Telecom Paristech will move to Saclay, a suburb outside of Paris. Therefore, this will be TESOL France's last event at Telecom Paristech before moving on to *new Frontiers*. This is a HUGE change for TESOL France since Telecom Paristech has been our home from the beginning of organization in the 1980s. This will challenge us as we move to new facilities, seeking out ways to address new frontiers in teaching and leading with the new generations.

With this last Spring Day in this facility, we would like to encourage all of you to put forward ideas that will help us move towards these new frontiers.

Teach well and prosper.

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Date: MAY 18th, 2019 : 9AM - 7PM
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INTRODUCTION

The TESOL France Spring Day is one of the two main, yearly events organized by TESOL France. It is a one-day conference held in the Spring and serves to complement our annual, 3-day Colloquium in November. The format of Spring Day has varied and changed themes, format and location from year to year. Themes in the past have included, among others, Learning is fun, inclusive practice and special learning differences, creativity in language learning, teaching young learners, medical English and professional development.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Call for proposals must be submitted online by clicking the link on this page:

<https://goo.gl/forms/NCNRDZFO0vJVwfCc2>

All proposals are read by a committee comprised of TESOL France Board members. As this is a one day conference, it is important to point out that we have a limited number of spots. The audience for this event will be mainly educators in the French private sector or French higher education.

The focus of the selection committee is to find talks or workshops that our delegates would like to see. Based on past evaluations, insightful ideas and activities that can be applied to a variety of classroom situations are preferable. Please take this into account when writing up your proposal. Make sure to include how you think your session will relate to the theme of the conference, particularly if it appears too general.

We will be presenting two types of sessions for Spring Day 2019:

- **a 30-minute short session to encourage new speakers.** This format encourages teaching tips, lesson ideas, etc.
- **a 60 minute workshop session.** This format is the standard conference format for talks presented at conferences like TESOL France's Annual Colloquium.

GUIDELINES: The Call for Proposals opens on Monday, 7 January 2019 and closes on Friday, 1 March 2019 at midnight. You will receive an email by 15 March 2019 informing you of the selection committee's decision regarding your proposal. If your proposal is accepted, you must:

- Indicate via email your acknowledgment of reception of the email from the proposals committee. If your proposal is not accepted, you can request feedback from the committee about their decision. An acknowledgment email must be sent to tesolfrance@gmail.com by 1 April 2019.
- Register for the conference and pay the fee (30 euros for Spring Day OR 53 euros for full membership to TESOL France) by 3 May 2019. We are sorry, but no scholarships are available. You do not have to be a current member of TESOL France to present, but you can choose to become a member when you pay your speaker's fee.

Please take a moment to read the following information before submitting your proposal.

Based on previous conference feedback, we encourage speakers to use interactive formats that engage the audience and focus on *specific, practical classroom techniques*. In this Call for Papers we welcome proposals that include suggestions, models, or success stories from today's classroom. Not only do we wish to explore ELT in France but also the world of ELT as a whole. Our goal is to open the way for in-depth discussions, debates, and classroom enlightenment.

Welcomed topics can be related, but not limited, to the following : future generations, change and mindset, digital natives, learning platform literacy, setting objectives catered to student's learning style, taking notes, mental offloading, reliance on the internet and social

media (credibility of resources), short term vs long term memory, future uses of English amongst users, learning processes, school systems and models, empathy, etc...

An important note on commercial presentations:

The Proposal Committee and participants at TESOL France conferences are *particularly* sensitive to the distinction between commercial and practical presentations and very much prefer the latter. If the committee feels your talk is too commercial they may choose to turn it down or ask for it to be modified. A commercial presentation is designed to promote a particular product or service, such as a (course)book, publisher, author, school, test, training establishment etc.

Language:

Talks can take place in English or in French.

Choose a clear title for your talk:

Past conferences have shown that many attendees choose the talks they wish to attend based on the title alone. Therefore we encourage you to submit a short title that states the main idea of your presentation and is 100% clear for the conference goer. For example: *Role Plays: A rehearsal for Real Life*

Submit a clear, concise and well-written abstract and summary:

The purpose of the abstract and summary is to inform the proposals committee and conference goers the main objectives of your talk. The committee reserves the right to reject abstracts and summaries that are vague, unclear, try to cover too much in a 30 min or 1-hour session, poorly written and/or contain typographical errors.

The committee also reserves the right to request that your title and/or abstract be modified. Your **100-word abstract** will appear in the Program and it is on the basis of this abstract that delegates will choose whether they wish to attend your session or come to view your poster. It should therefore accurately reflect the content of your presentation. Abstracts cannot be more than 100 words in length.

The summary:

All proposers are required to submit a **200-250 word summary**. You should outline exactly what you are going to talk about in the session and how the session will be structured. The summary will be read by the Proposals Committee as a basis for selection. The summaries will not appear in the Program.

Important: The online form is designed to refuse the submission of any abstract or summary that is longer than the requirements. Please note that extra spaces can be counted as words.

Logistical Information:

- Talks will be scheduled to last **30 or 60 minutes** each. Please be sure your talk starts and finishes on time.
- Delegates are encouraged to enter a talk even if it has already started.
- **Please bring your laptop (PC or Mac)**. Due to technical constraints at the venue, we are unable to provide computers in the rooms.

- Each room is equipped with a projector (HDMI connector), speakers, and ethernet cable connection.
- There will be a Wi-Fi connection via Eduroam. Those with Windows 7 may have issues connecting to eduroam so you should make sure that you can use ethernet cables (and have adapters) if you need to access the internet.
- **Please bring your own photocopies.** A photocopier is not available at the venue. A photocopy shop across the street is open until 19:00.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The deadline for submitting speaker proposals is **March 1st 2019.**
- After this date, a review of all abstracts and summaries will be carried out by a designated committee composed of members who are familiar with the preferences of TESOL France conference goers. The committee reserves the right to reject any proposal that does not follow the guidelines detailed above.
- Prospective speakers will be notified by **March 15th 2019.**
- A preliminary schedule of the event will be posted on our website two weeks before the event.
- **If accepted, speakers are kindly asked to register for the conference using the separate Online Registration Form. Submitting a proposal does not mean you have registered for the event. Not registering online for the event could result in a speaker not receiving a badge. Thank you for your understanding.**
- Should you require a letter of invitation, please email the Speakers Coordinator, Spring Day Committee, at: tesolfrance@gmail.com. please include your full name as you would like it to appear on the letter, complete address and presentation title.

To submit your abstract for Spring Day, please fill out the Call for Papers online form.

Prospective Speakers are kindly asked to fill out separate forms.

[Fill out the Call for Papers for Speakers form](#)

To stay up-to-date on conference news, we recommend you keep an eye on [our website](#), our [TESOL France Facebook page](#), our [Soundcloud](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

Travel Information

- [Charles de Gaulle Airport \(CDG\)](#) and [Orly Airport \(ORY\)](#) both have domestic, European and international flights to and from a wide range of destinations, including low cost airlines [EasyJet](#) and [Jet2](#). Orly Airport is closer to the venue than CDG. [Ryanair](#) flies into [Beauvais Airport \(BVA\)](#), which is 80 km outside the city. The Beauvais Airport Bus (an 80-minute ride) brings travelers into Paris and drops passengers at the Porte Maillot metro station (Line 1). Taking this same bus from Porte Maillot is required in order to return to Beauvais airport.
- [Hotels in the Area](#)
- [Directions to the Venue](#)