



U.S. Embassy Kyiv Regional English Language Office



English with an Edge: Innovative Practices for Teachers

Kazatsky Hotel, Kyiv

June 29-30, 2016

Are you a traditional grammar-first teacher? Then perhaps you should join the Regional English Language Office of the US Embassy for a two-day training on new and challenging practices. Leading the training will be Crystal Bock Thiessen, teaching specialist from the United States. The training intends to provide strategies teachers can use to develop and expand the range of their instruction, and to more fully engage their students.

Crystal Bock Thiessen graduated with Bachelor's degrees in both Photography and Spanish, and received her Master's in TESL from the University of Central Missouri, USA where she eventually worked with the IEP for a year and a half. She taught EFL in Sapporo, Japan for three years and in Lugansk, Ukraine for one, and especially enjoys American Culture and technology for language learning as professional interests. Currently, she is an ESL instructor at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA. Besides teaching, she is a professional photographer specializing in weddings and travel photography and, combined with her love of travel, has photographed and visited 36 countries and 25 U.S. states.

Topics will include:

- * *Photography in ELT: Engage, Inspire, Create, Learn*
- * *Zero Boredom Guaranteed-Learning With Kahoots and Lyricstraining (game-based learning platforms)*
- * *Video Projects for English Language Learners*
- * *Show and Tell: Making and Using Infographics in the Classroom*
- * *Changing English: New Literacies*
- * *Crazy Classroom Management Made Sane*

Who can take part?

RELO invites all teachers of English or pre-service teachers (in year four or five at pedagogical institutions). Special consideration will be given to

- (a) those who have been displaced because of the conflict in Ukraine
- (b) alumni of distance RELO programs such as E-teacher and American English Webinars (formerly Shaping the Way We Teach Webinars)
- (c) those who have not attended face-to-face training sessions by RELO
- (d) teachers in the beginning of their careers

Costs

The cost of transport, accommodation in shared rooms, and meals will be covered by the Regional English Language Office.

Apply to Participate

To take part please

- send an email to KyivRELO@state.gov and KevintheRelo@gmail.com
- attach your resume
- in the e-mail subject line please indicate your last name and the name of the program, e.g.:
“English with an Edge Program, Shevchenko”
- in the body of the email include three paragraphs:

Paragraph 1: Your name and city

Paragraph 2. Any previous trainings (virtual or face-to-face) that you have attended through the US Embassy or Regional English Language Office

Paragraph 3. Whether you consider yourself and innovative teacher or not. Explain why. (Maximum four sentences).

The deadline for participant applications is June 20, 2016. However, we will evaluate applications as we receive them, so early applications stand the best chance of acceptance. We will notify all selected participants by June 22, 2016.

Apply to Present

We will accept up to 6 presenters for the 2-day session. Presenters will offer 30-minute workshops on an innovative practice that they use. Innovative does not necessarily mean a technology. This can be an innovation in project work, critical thinking, reading, writing, etc. Presenters will receive *Presenter Certificates*.

In addition to the above requirements, prospective presenters should include a fourth paragraph in their email application. This should include the title of the presentation and a short description. If the audience is to be engaged beyond the lecture format, please explain how.

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