



An Association for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages in Kuwait

TESOL Kuwait's Mission, Goals, and Practices

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Kuwait is a growing community of English Language Teaching (ELT) teachers with over 400 members in Kuwait and the Arabian Gulf region. Our activities are based in Kuwait, where we are registered as a non-profit volunteers' team. We have an Executive Board and a Board which takes care of the activity run by the team. We also have a number of Special Interest Groups and volunteers who handle mailings and the conference. Our mission is to 'Connect, support, and assist the progress of English Language Teaching professionals in Kuwait and the Arabian Gulf region' through providing our members with:

- An annual international conference and an exhibition with an extensive programme of talks and workshops, which attracts over 300 delegates
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to help teachers develop their own professional areas of interest
- Links with other Teachers' Associations throughout the world for members to share knowledge and experience and join a wider community
- A blog on our website and a forum open for discussion with members
- Webinars and an annual conference

Our wider mission

In addition to meeting the professional development needs of its members, TESOL Kuwait helps to serve the needs of the wider ELT community through:

- 1) To work cooperatively toward the improvement of instruction in all programs which seek to provide learners with an opportunity to acquire English language skills and proficiency;
- 2) To provide opportunities for study and research;
- 3) To encourage professional development, participation, and leadership at the local, national, and international levels;
- 4) To promote intercultural understanding and effective cross-cultural communication;
- 5) To cooperate in appropriate ways with other groups having similar concerns;
- 6) To promote TESOL vision and values in Kuwait and not only;

Our goals and our practices

Our goal is to provide general support in helping teachers and ELT professionals in their professional development, and to provide a platform where they can offer their views, exchange research and, learn from each other in the field of professional development. We feel strongly that all ELT professionals should be respected and that everyone has the right to be treated fairly and as such we aim to be an inclusive association which welcomes diversity and respectful debate. However, we do not get involved in specific campaigns, issues, or politics, at a local, national or international level, and do not favour or prioritise the needs of one group of teachers over another. Our goal is to provide a forum where educators from anywhere in the area can come together to learn from each other and to offer mutual professional support. As such, we are willing to work with any associations or organizations who share similar philosophies.