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**2026 TESOL-Ukraine Convention Program**  
**“ELT as an Act of Hope in Challenging Times:  
Rooted in Reality, Reaching for Renewal”**  
**Kyiv, May 22-24, 2026**

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## Digital Outreach Day 2026, May 21

### TESOL-Ukraine Convention 2026

Time	Affiliation	Presentation type	Time
<b>Sumy</b>			
<b>Ana Methuselah</b> <b>George Kokolas</b>	Express Publishing	Tech-Talk (30 min)  Breaking Good - Developing a Positive Mindset as a Teacher	09.00-09.40 09.45-10.15
<b>Elizabeth Marie Basok</b>			10.20-11.20
<b>Rusudan Rusieshvili</b>	LEPL Ozurgeti public school N4	AI and Media Literacy	11.30-11.45  Flash Presentation (15 min)
<b>David Livingston</b>	Palacký University	A Terrible Beauty is Born: The Shared Cultural Heritage of Ireland and Ukraine  Blended Demonstration  (30 min)	11.50-12.30

### Kryvyj Rig

<b>Ngoc Yen Nguyen</b>	SWPS University	The Effects of a Two-Month ICT-Supported Speaking Intervention...	Flash Presentation (15 min)
<b>Nataliya Dyachuk</b>	Lviv National Ivan Franko University; Agency "RUNA"	Modern Advertising as a Valuable Multimodal Resource for Media and Language Studies	Tech-Talk (30 min)
<b>Heather Austin</b>	Kansai Gaidai University, Japan	Beyond the Badge: Using Play and Humor in Serious ESP Contexts  Workshop (60 min)	15.00-16.00
<b>Kenyon Whitehead</b>	Virtual Educator Program (RELO Kyiv)	Virtual Site Visits: Using WebQuests to Build Tourism Industry Knowledge  Demonstration (30 min)	16.15-16.45
<b>Olha Yavorska</b>	Self-employed	Reclaiming Speaking Confidence: An Unconventional AI Immersion Framework	Tech-Talk (30 min)

## Day 1: May 22, 2026

Time	Activities
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<p><b>10.00</b> – <b>13.00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Registration (Lobby)</b> <b>Book Exhibition (Lobby)</b></p>
<p><b>13.00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Plenary (Conference Hall)</b> <b>Olena Iliencko</b>, TESOL-Ukraine President <b>Sergii Sorikin</b>, Acting Rector of Kyiv National Linguistic University <b>Jen Macrthur</b>, Regional English Language Officer at U.S. Embassy in Ukraine <b>Alyona Sukhinina</b>, RELO Assistant at U.S. Embassy in Ukraine</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TESOL-Ukraine Board</b> Annual Report – all projects of the year</p>
<p><b>14.10-15.10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TESOL-Ukraine Projects Poster Sessions</b></p>
<p><b>15.20</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keynote:</b> <b>Luis Javier Pentón Herrera &amp; Daniel Xerri</b> <b>“ELT in Conflict and Crisis: Centering Teachers’ Well-being, Roles, and Agency”</b></p>
<p><b>16.30</b> – <b>18.00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reception</b></p>

**Day 2: Saturday, May 23, 2026**

Time	Activities					
	Hall #1 (CPD)	Hall #2 (ESP)	Hall #3 (SEL)	Hall #4	Hall #5	Hall # 6
<b>Session 1</b> 10.30 – 11.30	<b>Tetiana Starostenko</b>  Mental Programming in English-Learning Materials	<b>Oksana Bykonja</b> Renewal Behind Walls: Teaching English in Challenging Contexts (ESP)	<b>Kuzmenko Olena</b>  From Overworked to Optimized: AI to the Rescue	<b>Anna Pryhoda</b>  When Students Know English but Still Struggle to Speak	<b>Yuliya Gorbenko</b>  Listening Made Easy: Practical Strategies for Developing Learners' Listening Skills	<b>Hanna Podosynnikova, Tetiana Dokashenko &amp; Vlada Homolia</b> Teaching Practice Rewritten: Creativity and Digital Storytelling
	<b>Maria Prokopchuk &amp; Kristina Antsybor</b> Procedural Aspects of Teaching Materials in "Education. Children. Future."	<b>Nataliia Antonenko, Alla Fridrikh, Olena Kasatkina-Kubyshkina</b> Art, Advocacy, and Global Empathy in the Ukrainian ESP Context				<b>Hanna Podosynnikova, Olena Ilienکو, Veronika Maliborska, &amp; Natalya Watson</b> Interactive Film Club Methodology as Reflective Practice in Language Teacher Education
<b>Session 2</b> 11.45 – 12.45	<b>Olena Iaburova</b>  English as an Ecosystem: Transforming Learning into a Space for Personal Development	<b>Iryna Zuyenok</b>  Bridging ESP University Courses to Future Careers	<b>Mariya Tykhonovska</b>  Understanding Inclusion: Beyond Labels, Toward Learning	<b>Olena Ilienکو &amp; Maryna Tsehelska</b>  From Ideas to Impact: Teaching Persuasive Communication	<b>Liudmyla Sinna</b>  Teaching on Empty: Still Showing Up	<b>Daria Kiriakova</b> Multimodal Digital Storytelling: Creating Persuasive Narratives in ESP  <b>Svitlana Smolina</b> Teaching Listening as an Act of Hope in Challenging Times: Rethinking the Development of Listening Competence at High School

<b>Session 3</b> <b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	<b>Nikki Overcash</b> <i>(with Tetiana Dokashenko)</i>  Developing Visual Literacy and Persuasive Language Skills through Persuasive Health Campaigns  <b>Yuliia Lytvyna &amp; Olena Galytska</b>  Why STEM and English are Perfect Match	<b>Lyudmyla Hnapovska &amp; Olga Kvasova</b>  A Journey in Judgement: Two Decades of Language Assessment Evolution in Ukraine	<b>Debbie Nelson, N.Holodniuk, M.Skrynyk, O.Galytska, I.Kryvokhyzha, A.Rakhel, S.Petrenko, O.Yankovets</b>  Mentorship that Matters: Supporting Teacher Well-Being in Challenging Times
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**Coffee Break 14.00-14.45**

<b>Session 4</b> <b>14.45 – 15.45</b>	<b>Serhii Petrenko</b> <b>Malgorzata Durygin</b>  Harboring Empathy and Well-Being through Cross-Cultural Exchange Across the Ocean  <b>Keya Mukherjee</b> Interactive Learning Made Simple: Using PowerPoint as a Tool to Make Games	<b>Iryna Ponomarets &amp; Chris Mead</b>  Pen Pal Communication as a Way to Support Writing Skills and Student Engagement  <b>Olha Cherednichenko</b> Scroll, Save, Teach: Using Social Media Content to Energize Your Lessons	<b>Oksana Chugai &amp; Olga Yashenkova</b>  Integrating SEL with Intercultural Projects for ESP/BE Students During Wartime	<b>Liliia Pysaienko</b>  The Color of Confidence: Teaching Figurative Language for Fearless Speaking	<b>Hanna Kniaz</b>  Beyond Comments: Building Dialogue Through Feedback	<b>Oleksandra Sydorenko &amp; Tetiana Mariuk</b>  CLIL Approach: Money Talks, Integration Works
<b>Session 5</b> <b>16.00-17.00</b>	<b>Tracy M. Mannon</b> <i>(with Bohdana Saliuk)</i> 60-Second Strategies: An Excellent Resource for Teachers and Teacher Trainer	<b>Liliia Vinnikova</b> Speaking-Focused Activities to Increase Student Talking Time	<b>Iryna Prysiazhniuk</b> Motivating Teens Through Meaningful Formative Assessment	<b>Olena Bochkarova</b> Becoming the Teacher You Imagined	<b>Yuliia Rakitina</b> B2 First Writing Unlocked: Strategies that Lead to Coherent Essays	<b>Natalia Radko</b> UArt that Speaks: CLIL & STEAM through Ukrainian Art

### Day 3: Sunday, May 24, 2026

Time	Activities					
	Hall # 1	Hall # 2	Hall # 3	Hall # 4	Hall # 5	Hall # 6
<b>Session 1</b> 10:00 – 11.00	<b>Alona Kovalenko</b>  Rethinking Warm-up Activities in the English Classroom (Higher Education)	<b>Olha Kachanova</b>  Energy Reboot: Art-Based Self-Care Strategies for ELT Teachers in Crisis	<b>Nataliia Zachynska</b>  How to Design a Course – Essential Tips	<b>Lidiya Oryshchuk</b>  Beyond the Algorithm: Deconstructing AI Assessment & Redesigning Tasks	<b>Daryna Stopnyk</b>  Beyond Language: Soft Skills as the Hidden Key to International Exam Success	<b>Galyna Tsapro &amp; Olena Gryshchenko</b> When AI Generates Tasks: Challenges for Language Teachers
	<b>Anzhelika Buravenko</b>  What the Coursebook Doesn't Teach About Pronunciation					<b>Viktoriia Kyrpotenko</b> Helping Young Learners Speak: TPR and Multisensory Activities for the Silent Period
<b>Session 2</b> 11.10 – 12.10	<b>Jen MacArthur</b>  3 Ways of Using Poetry in the EFL Classroom	<b>Natalia Liashko</b> Building Creative and Resilient Learners through Interdisciplinary Approaches	<b>Mariia Shangina</b> Putting Ourselves in Coursebook Writer's Shoes	<b>Anastasiia Kyrrii</b> Genially: Gamified Case Study	<b>Iryna Tychyna</b>  Teaching Lexically for Exam Success: Beyond Grammar for Cambridge Exams	Anna Denysenko Rethinking IELTS Reading: From Practice to Strategic Performance
<b>Coffee break 12.10 – 12.40</b>						
12.45 – 13.45	<b>Closing Ceremony / Raffle</b>					

#### Online Sessions

<b>Luis Perea</b>	Assessment Content Manager at WIDA	16.00-17/00
<b>Nadia Awaida</b>	Transformative ELT in Practice: Simple Strategies for Challenging Contexts	17.05-18.05