The 2020 convention theme: Breaking barriers: make it happen, make it matter! invites us to reflect on the powerful forces that contribute to modern life, including the emergence of Artificial Intelligence with its unforeseeable impact on our lives.

Students must be prepared for the demands of this “brave new world” by learning useful and relevant knowledge, skills, character qualities and learning strategies. However, we face many challenges as educators and the barriers to education are still many and varied and the perceived vulnerability of certain social groups requires timely solutions.

Reaffirming the right to education of every individual, enshrined in the 1948 Declaration of Human Rights and renewing the commitment of the World Conference on Special Needs Education held in Salamanca in 1994, TESOL-SPAIN welcomes presentations which deal with creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, multiculturalism, special educational needs and inclusive practices as well as those which are of wide general interest for language teachers working in different sectors and with students of all ages.
Proposal deadline
The proposal deadline is October 15th, 2019.

Accreditation
We expect to be awarded two credits by the Ministry of Education.

Grants
TESOL-SPAIN offers several grants for speakers and students. Among these are:

- **GRANT 1: FIRST-TIME SPEAKER GRANT**
  Awarded to a speaker presenting at a TESOL-SPAIN convention for the first time.

- **GRANT 2: ROBIN DE ANDRÉS GRANT**
  Awarded to a Primary or Secondary teacher working in the Spanish Education system giving a presentation at the convention.

- **GRANT 3: FULL TIME UNIVERSITY STUDENT GRANT**
  Awarded to a full time university student resident and studying in Spain.

- **GRANT 4: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT**
  Awarded to a new (or recently qualified) teacher resident in Spain.

- **GRANT 5: TESOL-SPAIN GLOBAL GRANT FOR SPEAKERS FROM AFRICA, ASIA, OR LATIN AMERICA**
  Awarded to a teacher from Africa, Asia or Latin America attending the TESOL-SPAIN Annual Convention as a speaker.

Attendees
The convention offers participants a wide range of presentations by national and international speakers, including plenary and keynote presentations, papers, workshops and roundtables. It is attended by a wide variety of EFL professionals. There are teachers from infant, primary and secondary schools, EOI’s, universities, technical schools and academies as well as teacher trainers, materials writers, and course planners. Publishers, ELT researchers, members of exam boards, and national and international authors also take part in the conventions.

Programme and events
- Confirmed plenary speakers: Dr Judit Kormos, Dr Sarah Mercer, Dr Daniel Xerri and Lindsay Clanfield.
- Approx. 100 talks and workshops.
- Keynote presentations by renowned speakers.
- Round tables on issues of current interest.
- An exhibition area with over 40 stands.
- An opening cocktail and coffee breaks.
- Annual General Assembly informing members of the association’s activities.
- Saturday Night convention dinner (cost and details on the enrollment form and website).

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