

ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

When and where it takes place

The annual three-day National Convention takes place in spring. It is held either in Madrid or in another major Spanish city.

Who attends

The TESOL-SPAIN National Convention is attended by a wide variety of EFL professionals. There are teachers from infant, primary and secondary schools, from E.O.I.s, universities, technical schools and academies, as well as teacher trainers, materials writers and course planners. Publishers, ELT researchers, members of testing boards and national and international authors also take part in the Convention.

What's on offer

The Convention offers participants a broad range of presentations by national and international speakers, including plenary and keynote presentations, papers, workshops, theatre performances, round tables and product presentations. There are over 100 presentations on a wide variety of topics which are linked by the annual theme.

There is also an exhibition area where delegates can browse through the latest publications, try out multimedia materials, see what's on offer from the examining boards and find out about other teaching associations or about professional development courses at home and abroad.

Also on offer are a jobs board, a materials swap shop plus opportunities for socialising during the Convention at the opening cocktail on Friday and the Convention dinner on Saturday.

Making a presentation

Visit the TESOL-SPAIN website at www.tesol-spain.org between the months of May and October to find information about making a presentation along with the presentation proposal form. The closing date for proposals is usually 31st October.

We are always looking for new, experienced, native, non-native, national and international speakers. A special message to new presenters: even the smallest or simplest ideas may be of interest to us and to our members. You never know until you apply.

Speakers have the opportunity to submit their session as a formal, academic paper for publication in the annual, post-Convention Proceedings.

We offer two speaker grants: **Grant 1** is for first-time speakers at a TESOL-SPAIN National Convention, and **Grant 2** is the *Robin de Andrés Grant* for presentations related to primary or secondary education in Spain. For more information, please check the convention website or contact speakers@tesol-spain.org.

Homologación / Accreditation

Every year we apply to the Ministry of Education for accreditation for registered school teachers who attend our national convention.

Sponsorship

If you would like to display your product or service at the **Convention**, sponsor a speaker or other activities, please check the website or contact publisherliaison@tesol-spain.org.

To advertise your product or service in the **e-Newsletter**, please consult our website or contact publications@tesol-spain.org.



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Who we are and what we offer

TESOL-SPAIN was founded in 1977 as an independent, non-profit making Spanish association of English language teachers. Today TESOL-SPAIN is a nationwide organization with a membership that represents all sectors of English language teaching throughout the country. It is a voluntary organization dedicated to addressing pertinent issues for teachers of English in Spain. The organization provides a forum for colleagues to meet and share ideas and techniques as well as to discuss professional issues. We aim to keep our members abreast of current concerns, with the goal of improving the quality and effectiveness of language education in Spain at regional and national levels.

Becoming a member

Membership is available at very competitive rates on an individual, institutional or student basis: Membership forms can be found on our website. www.tesol-spain.org

WHO WE WORK WITH

TESOL-SPAIN is an associate member of two international teachers associations – TESOL International Association based in the USA and IATEFL in the UK. We also maintain strong links with regional Teachers Associations around Spain and other EFL associations abroad. Through our regional structure, TESOL-SPAIN organises workshops and other events in different parts of the country throughout the academic year.

The British Council Spain plays an active part in promoting these teachers associations and TESOL-SPAIN is pleased to be linked to this prestigious organisation.

WEBSITE

The TESOL-SPAIN website www.tesol-spain.org offers visitors an overview of all the activities TESOL-SPAIN is currently involved in. You can register as a member and enroll online for a regional event or the annual convention.

The recently designated Members' Area also features articles which have appeared in current and past issues of the e-Newsletter and links to useful websites and journals as well as a wealth of information about the TEFL world.

TESOL-SPAIN is also very active on Facebook and Twitter – follow us!

PUBLICATIONS

TESOL-SPAIN e-Newsletter

The TESOL-SPAIN e-Newsletter is published monthly in digital format and informs our members about the latest trends and news in the field of teaching English to speakers of other languages. The e-Newsletter contains articles on practice and theory, book reviews, regular features and information about regional, national and international events. We are always interested in hearing from writers who would like to submit articles, reviews or tips for publication.

Convention publications

As well as the Convention Programme, containing all the information participants need about the annual event, including details about the speakers, publishers and Convention site, we also publish a formal, academic volume of the Convention Proceedings. Our very first Proceedings was published in conjunction with the University of Deusto, which hosted the 2012 Convention.

TESOL-SPAIN Academic Journal

In 2013 TESOL-SPAIN launched its annually edited Academic Journal: a volume of articles and papers designed to give our members and collaborators a forum for publishing and publicising their research and didactic writing.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

TESOL-SPAIN aims to cater for our members' needs at regional level. Apart from attracting new members and building up databases as to where English is taught in their region, our network of Area Coordinators also tries to provide local activities to suit the needs and wishes of members in their area. We have held very many successful regional events in the past few years and are always looking to expand and strengthen our regional network.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

TESOL-SPAIN is a non-profit, voluntary organization working at national level and providing a unique service in Spain. Volunteering is an excellent opportunity to meet new people within our field, build alliances, and experience the enthusiasm and energy generated when colleagues meet to promote, discuss and share issues.

Volunteering

We are always pleased to welcome new faces at local or national level. You might consider applying for a board post or becoming an Area Coordinator. Other activities include helping out at one of our events and collaborating with the Editorial team on the e-Newsletter or TESOL-SPAIN Journal. If you would like to contribute in any way, please contact president@tesol-spain.org, who will be happy to deal with your enquiry and put you in contact with the relevant member of the Association.

Volunteering for the Convention organising committee

There are a number ways you can help out with the annual National Convention. You can do anything from running an errand to heading a sub-committee. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Convention Coordinator through our website or by sending an email to president@tesol-spain.org