



LELTA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

**The question may be on your mind:
“Why LELTA and why now?”**

If you have been in this area for awhile, you know that business development is booming and the demand for quality language training is high, so we are striking while the iron is hot and setting up a teachers organization for Saxony and Saxon Anhalt. Built on the same principles as ELTABB (English Language Teachers' Association of Berlin-Brandenburg), it will have a voluntary status and be there to provide training, networking, a jobs board and the possibility of writing articles for EFL/ESL publications. The official launch date will be January 2009.

The first attempt for LELTA was purely an online format, but after various encouraging discussions with David Meier, an ELTABB board member, it was decided to set up a satellite of their organization in this region with their support. We will endeavor to modal ourselves similar to ELTABB which would mean eventually instituting an annual membership fee of 40 Euros. This fee would allow members free entrance to selected events (15 Euros per event for non-members), provide funding for the running of workshops and establish organization as an e.V. (a.k.a. registered charity).

*****Our first successful event workshop, Saturday 11 Oct, included the diverse themes of web-quests, recording vocabulary, Financial English and generating discussions. The attendance was good and the discussions lively.*****

Benefits

Here are just a few reasons why LELTA is so great:

- **free or concessionary entrance to LELTA run events**
- **exchange of ideas and resources within the trainer community in Saxony/Saxon Anhalt**
- **access to German ELTA network, especially strong connections with ELTABB**
- **access to the English Teaching Matters magazine, jointly published by ELTABB, ELTAS, HELTA, and ELTAU**
- **information concerning training opportunities and ELTA events**
- **quarterly newsletter**
- **online presence: forums based at elt.yuku.com and english-test.net**
- **jobs board, vacancies and subbing**
- **writing opportunities with English Teaching Matters and Leipzig Live**

as well as...

- **assistance and support with German authorities**
- **help with German language and culture**
- **relocation assistance**

The organization would require some contribution from members or a committee (as board members once we are a registered charity). The "board" will have contact with ELTABB to help us set up.



**LELTA
needs you!**

Interested?

**Send us an email at
Leipzigelta@googlemail.com**

Or

Join our Facebook group!

At present, we have these active roles:

Stewart Tunncliff: Management, Marketing, Facebook Group Admin

Maeschelle West Davies: Events Coordinator, Co-marketing, Facebook Group Admin

Samantha McCoy: Newsletter Coordinator.

The dormant roles that will become active once we develop:

Torsten Daerr and **David Birkhead:** internet presence

Ben Haymond: Treasurer

The roles that still need to be filled are:

General Secretary

Admin roles

Article writers

Please contact us if you want to join the team, your local teaching organization needs you!

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1) The secret weapon folder that you should be carrying around with you for emergencies can have this addition. Very simple task to create discussion. You write 12 sentences on a sheet of paper asking for meaning or elaboration. These chunks should form the core: means to me, means, is considered to be, is defined by, doesn't include, is not covered by, contradicts the notion of.

If you have high level students, ask them:

What pertinent questions are in their business field or social circles, aroused in themselves or for lower level students create them yourself.

e.g. Satisfaction means to me....., Quality means....., Integrity is considered to be etc

The students role 2 dice to determine which sentence to discuss.

2) Coming together as a team or small company, gbr, partGG or Ltd and an arrangement to employee one of the team for 400 Euros a month can get you out of the pension system. The red tape is cumbersome but the benefit worth it.

Further info; <http://www.elt.yuku.com/topic/1018>

3) Google apps can help with any joint venture project, company admin, or shared files with schools, e.g. calendars, feedback, group reports, material etc. Very useful for editing and collaborative work.

4) The IT/language expert Pete Sharme creates e-lessons on the Macmillian website, as some of you may know. However, for tech nerds and blended learners, his own website at www.te4be.com or T.E.L.L is crammed full of resources, reviews and contemporary opinion.

5) Moodle is a very good online platform for sharing groups, files, creating learner interaction, quizzes, or any elements of blended learning. The system requires some getting used to, but if you can find a technical administrator, then it is very handy.

We would appreciate any contributions for the LELTA website and quarterly newsletter. Please send all submissions to Leipzigelta@googlemail.com.