

EFL Professional Opportunities

To remain informed about recent issues in the EFL profession, EFL teachers need to be engaged in both **formal** and **informal** opportunities and experiences as well as take advantage of EFL **online** professional opportunities.



Formal EFL Professional Opportunities may include

1

Studying

Studying overseas

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Collaborating

Collaborating with university-based researchers.

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examining &
analyzing

Closely examining and analyzing one's own
classroom practices.

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Participating

Participating in mentorship programs under the
leadership of experienced senior development
professionals.

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Attending

Attending professional meetings as well as local,
regional, or international conferences that help
teachers to disseminate updated information about
trends in the field and enhance teachers' self-efficacy

Formal EFL Professional Opportunities may include

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Attending

Attending workshops on key factors in effective teaching, such as classroom management, alternative approaches, the roles of teachers and learners, and

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ways to combine the best aspects of “traditional” teaching with innovative procedures such as task-based, learner-centered, and interactive methods

as well as participatory language teaching, sheltered language instruction, and authentic assessments.

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Conducting

Engaging in reflective teaching to reflect on their teaching practices in order to examine the overall effectiveness of their instructive approaches.

Conducting action research to closely examine and analyze their own classroom practice and to relate theory to practice.

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Attending

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Engaging

Formal EFL Professional Opportunities may include

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Peer observation
& peer coaching

Engaging in peer observation and peer coaching or other expert support.

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Presenting

Presenting a paper, poster, workshop, or demonstration at conferences and seminars.

informal EFL Professional Opportunities or self-directed learning experiences may include

1

Wide range

A wide range of professional practices such as volunteering with professional organizations

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Reading & responding

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Engaging

Reading and responding to professional publications, submitting book reviews.

Engaging in method-neutral techniques such as dialog journals, long-distance collaboration, and study groups with fellow teachers to exchange

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Engaging

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In-house training

instructional information regarding course planning, test development, and materials exploitation.

In-house training sessions could be conducted in schools, so that knowledge and skills are passed to less-proficient English teachers from their more experienced colleagues.

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Sharing best practices

Sharing of creativity, innovations, and best practices and forms of inquiry-based teaching and exploratory teaching.

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Further study

Pursuing further study or postgraduate degrees.

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Teaching journals

Writing reflective teaching journals.

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threaded discussions

threaded discussions with colleagues and experts

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Online Programs

online EFL professional development programs

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Virtual courses and seminars

attend virtual courses and seminars on EFL professional development.

