

TEACHER'S CORNER: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHER TRAINERS

The teaching profession is full of people who want to do good work and make a difference in the life of each learner. As a result, teachers spend the majority of their career focused on the needs and wants of their students and invest hours and energy on planning and developing lessons and grading coursework. In short, the students are teachers' main focus. But sometimes teachers need to focus on their own professional development in order to continue bringing their best selves to the classroom.

In this month's Teacher's Corner, the focus is on professional development and how teacher-trainers can support and nurture teachers' skills, knowledge, and teaching methods. The first week offers a simple (often free) solution to bring teachers together to discuss current language teaching research and issues. Week 2 presents suggestions for teachers to get involved and participate in professional development outside of their classroom. In Week 3, trainers learn how to conduct teaching observations that promote buy-in and trust from practicing teachers. Finally, Week 4 takes trainers through the aspects and components necessary in planning a small, low-cost teaching workshops.

Additional Resources

For additional information about teacher training and professional development, check out a few of the many resources available on the American English website:

- [Empowering Teachers Through Professional Development](#)
- [Teachers Helping Teachers: Peer Observation for Professional Development](#)