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TKT - Cambridge Test for English Teachers



The Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) is a test for the Teachers of English from Cambridge University. TKT gives teachers a strong foundation in the core areas of ELT methodology. It is ideal for all teachers, and is also suitable for people who would like to teach English but do not yet have a teaching position. Teachers who wish to take TKT in Georgia may do a preparation course in ETAG before taking the test or prepare for it independently. TKT test will take place at British Council in Tbilisi on 28 May, 2009. The time to register for the May test is 1-10 April 2009. Candidates should submit a completed application form at the British Council on these days. The test fee for all three modules is GBP 90. Over 70 teachers have already taken the TKT in Georgia, so don't think twice! Register in April and be an internationally certified English Teacher.

For more information on TKT and registration process please, contact Maka Khurtsidze at maka.khurtsidze@ge.britishcouncil.org or call at (25 04 07), also visit <http://www.britishcouncil.org/ge-education-exams-tkt.htm>

Preparing teachers for the National Certification Test



Senior English Language Fellow Judith Elliott has conducted workshops for 56 teachers in Gori. Teachers had an opportunity to practice their English skills on seven different tasks in Reading, Listening, Editing /Correcting Mistakes, and Writing. Revising these skills is an important step in preparing for the English National Exam to be given in 2010. Judy has already reached over 300 teachers in Georgia through these workshops. She is selecting co-trainers to help her conduct similar workshops in western Georgia. In addition, these refresher workshops will be given for central Georgia (Tbilisi) and eastern Georgia in the next four months. Teachers will be notified through the Resource Centers in their regions. ETAG acts as a partner for this project.

USA Congress representatives visit Gori



On December 19 Gori hosted the representatives of USA Congress and USA Embassy in Tbilisi. The visitors also met with Zaza Tsotniashvili, the Rector of Gori University, Marina Chalauri - ETAG Gori head and two refugee English teachers from Tskhinvali region, village Eredvi: Nana Tsotniashvili and Tea Palelashvili. Congress representatives Allyson Schwartz, David Dreier, Adam Schiff, Donald Payne and Bill Shuster were interested in the August 2008 events, the refugees' social and living conditions and the present day situation in the conflict zone in general. The Congresswoman, Miss Allyson Schwartz, showed a great interest in the personal and professional lives of the refugee teachers.

ETAG Tbilisi Saturday workshops for February - March 2009
Are you a member? Then, please join in!
The workshops take place at 1:30 - 2:00 at ETAG Tbilisi office



February 7, Manana Rusieshvili: Tips for tired teachers

This workshop will concentrate on several activities which, hopefully, will refresh the “tired” teachers with new (or well-forgotten!) bright ideas and make the teaching and learning process more enjoyable for their students as well as for the teachers themselves.

February 21, Nana Shavishvili: My sweet aspiration

How to motivate your students to active functioning in a foreign language is a major task being targeted by methodologists the whole world over. This workshop is the chance to have another try.

March 7, Eka Tkavashvili: Learner Autonomy in EFL classroom

Most language teachers have experienced the frustration of investing endless amounts of energy in their students and getting very little response.

March 21, Maya Rogava: Getting the most out of case studies

Many teachers shy away from using case studies in the classroom, however case studies have numerous advantages. In this workshop I will share experiences of using case studies. Then we will work on part of a case study from the brand new Business English course book and draw conclusions.

ETAG Tbilisi in-service training courses schedule: February - June 2009

To book your place on any of these courses, please speak to the ETAG Courses Coordinator Lali Mdinardze or email her at: etag.courses@caucasus.net; or call ETAG Tbilisi office 25 08 56

Course title	Dates	Times	Trainers	Venue
More Learning, Less Teaching (MLLT) 40 hrs.	21, 22, 28 February 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 March	10.00 – 15.30 10.00 – 15.30	Mzia Chkonia Vika Kuprashvili Nana Shavishvili Mzia Skhulukhia	ETAG 3, Chavch. Ave
Developing Writing Skills (DWS) 40hrs	21, 22, 28, 29 March 4, 5, 11, 12 April	10.00 – 15.30 10.00 – 15.30	Rusudan Tsitsishvili Manana Rusieshvili Eka Tkavashvili	Un. Bldg.5; r.# 8 36, Chavch. Ave
Modern English Language Teaching (MELT) 40hrs.	25, 26 April 2, 3, 9, 10,16,17 May	10.00 – 15.30	Marina Chkhikvadze Mzia Skhulukhia Nana Shavishvili	ETAG 3, Chavch. Ave
Academic Writing 20hrs.	23, 24, 30, 31 May	10.00 – 15.30	Manana Rusieshvili Eka Tkavashvili	Un. Bldg.5; r.# 8 36, Chavch. Ave
Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT) 20hrs.	23, 24, 30, 31 May	10.00 – 15.30	Marina Chkhikvadze Eka Tkavashvili	ETAG 3, Chavch. Ave
Business English (BE) 40hrs.	6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 June	10.00 – 15.30	Maya Rogava Manana Rusieshvili	Un. Bldg.5; r.# 8 36,Chavch.Ave
Language Development for English Language Teachers (LDELTA) 40hrs.	6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 June	10.00 – 15.30	Maya Kiasashvili Mzia Skhulukhia Lela Abdushelishvili Nona Chavchavadze Nana Kachabava	ETAG 3,Chavch.Ave

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