



# ETAG e-Newsletter

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## English and International Qualifications opening doors for the success of future generations!



The representatives of nine branches of ETAG attended the BRITISH COUNCIL ENGLISH & EXAMS CONFERENCE, which was conducted on 14 May, 2011. This conference aimed to raise awareness among major educational service providers, English teaching professionals and policy makers in Georgia about the British Council's services and products in English and Exams. In September 2011, it is proposed to issue a Ministerial decree, making it mandatory for all higher education students to hold a foreign language proficiency certificate.

This conference was not just an event with a series of presentations. Everybody was given a practical chance to be engaged and share the success stories from the local practitioners.

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## Broadening Horizons in English Language Teaching



On June 11, 2011 English Teachers' Association of Georgia (ETAG), held its regional conference in Gori. The conference was offered for Gori region ETAG members. Apart from long standing members, the conference hosted a number of internally displaced English teachers currently working in the schools and universities of Gori and its surrounding villages. Guests arrived from Tbilisi, Rustavi and Kutaisi branches. The conference allowed the participants to get familiar with the newly established English teachers certification exam as well as global trends in English language teaching and learning in general.

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## A Talk at ETAG



Michael Berman, a teacher and a writer gave a talk on one of the traditional Scottish ballads at ETAG in Tbilisi on June 15, 2011. The Great Silkie of Sule Skerry Encounter narratives (meetings between mortals and supernatural beings) recorded in early modern European witch trials, provide evidence to suggest that popular shamanistic visionary traditions, of pre-Christian origin, survived in many parts of Britain during the early modern period.

These traditions can also be found reflected in both our folktales and our ballads as this talk showed. There are many stories in mythology and folklore about marriage between mortals and water-spirits and this example comes from the Orkney Islands, off the coast of Scotland.

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Teachers of English are invited to participate in online teacher training courses designed and managed by the British Council. The courses on offer are:

- **Teaching English – Learning Technologies for the Classroom**  
An online course about using the latest technologies with learners. 17 module course for teachers of English in state and private schools.
- **Primary Essentials** –formerly ETTO, is a six module course for English teachers working with young learners. It uses the virtual learning environment to show participants various methods to make learning fun and enjoyable.
- **TKT Essentials Module 1**
- **TKT Essentials Modules 2/3**

All the courses last up to 3 months and are entirely online and closely moderated. Successful participants will receive a British Council certificate.

All 4 courses are available during the following dates:

**Batch 1: 19 September – 12 December 2011**

**Batch 2: 16 January – 2 April 2012**

**Batch 3: 16 April – 29 June 2012**

If you want to participate in any of these courses you can contact Tamuna Kvachadze at [Tamuna.kvachadze@ge.britishcouncil.org](mailto:Tamuna.kvachadze@ge.britishcouncil.org) or you may call (322) 250407

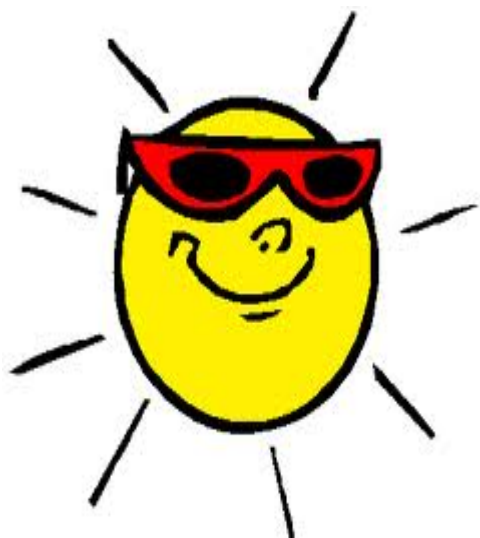
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Trainings will be conducted at ETAG, June 25, 26, July 2, 3, 9, 10 from 10.00 to 15.30.

Venue: 3, Chavchavadze av. University build. # 2, room # 102



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS !**

ETAG will be closed from August 1 to September 12.

**HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS !**

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