

# ETAG e-Newsletter

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Dear ETAG members,

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> issue of our e-newsletter. We hope that you had a pleasant and enjoyable summer and are back to your work rested and in a good mood.

Number one news is that we have started trainings of the programmes accredited by the Ministry of Education. These are:

- **Language Development (LD) for English Teachers:** 3 credits (covering only 2 credits is possible)
- **English Language Teaching Methodology (TKT Essentials):** 2 credits – leads to Cambridge test for teachers
- **Developing Writing Skills (DWS):** 2 credits



TKT Training, Tbilisi

We invite YOU as well as any other English Teacher, member or non-member, to participate in ETAG accredited training courses. Just a reminder that we offer the best training programmes, highly qualified trainers, international standards trainings, a British Council-ETAG joint certificate (in case of TKT) and most importantly, a true way to career development.

For more information please, contact us at: 25 08 56 or 855 221700 or come and see at: TSU second building; Chavchavadze Ave 3. First floor, right side or email us at: [etag.courses@caucasus.net](mailto:etag.courses@caucasus.net)

## Trainings, trainings, trainings



DWS Training, Mestia

September and October turned to be extremely busy for us. Under the state programme of English teachers' professional development, the accredited training courses have been successfully completed in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Rustavi, Zugdidi, Chiatura and Mestia. More are being conducted or planned to be conducted in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Telavi, Batumi, Keda, Poti, Zugdidi, Abasha, Gori, Kvareli, Sachkhere and Kaspi. We are especially proud of the trainings conducted in such faraway regions as Svaneti and Zemo Adjara. In these parts of our country there are limited opportunities for professional development so we are happy to contribute to this. In the picture you see a team of teachers attending the Developing Writing Skills training in Mestia.

Our thanks go to all participants for choosing our programmes and investing their vouchers in them. Special thanks go to ETAG organizational team under the leadership of Lali Mdinardze for managing all most difficult paper work for timely start and completion of the courses.

*And lastly, huge thanks go to each and every trainer for their dedication to ETAG and high level professionalism.*

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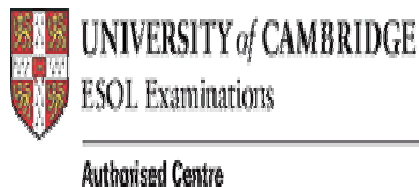
## British Council Project for Teaching Speaking

# The British Council Project

From December the British Council starts a new project, called *Talking Videos*. The project develops in English teachers the skill of teaching speaking by observing, through DVD, the speaking classes conducted in different parts of the world and feedbacking on them. Those who want to participate please, send an e-mail to Rusiko Tkemaladze at [rusiko.tkemaladze@ge.britishcouncil.org](mailto:rusiko.tkemaladze@ge.britishcouncil.org). The number of participants is limited. Groups will be compiled at First Come, First Served basis.

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## Teaching Knowledge Test



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 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 16 January, 2010. The time to register for the January test is 15 - 25 November 2009. Candidates should submit a completed application form at the British Council on these days. The test fee for all three modules is GBP 93 (31 for each module).

Over 90 teachers have already taken the TKT in Georgia, so do not think twice! Register in November 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](mailto:maka.khurtsidze@ge.britishcouncil.org) or call at 25 04 07, also visit <http://www.britishcouncil.org/ge-education-exams-tkt.htm>.

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[teachingenglish.org.uk](http://teachingenglish.org.uk)  
[learnenglish.org.uk](http://learnenglish.org.uk)

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