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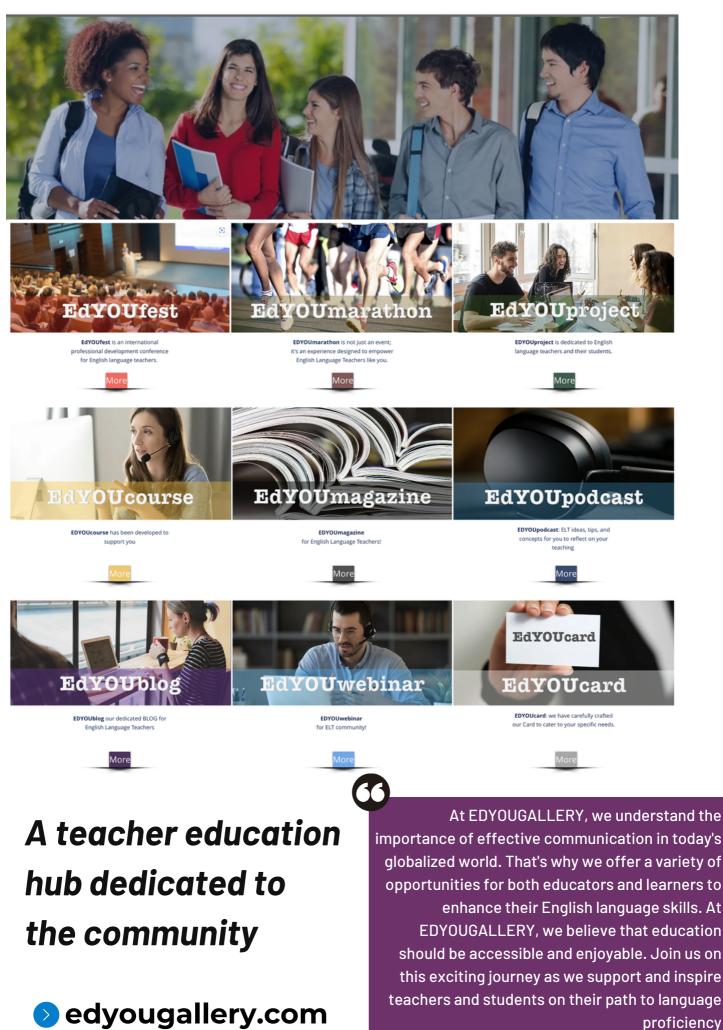
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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the vibrant pages of the 3rd issue of EDYOUMAGAZINE. Let us take a moment to remember and celebrate a monumental event that recently unfolded - the resounding success of the EdYOUfest Athens conference. This August, against all odds, we brought together an extraordinary assembly of 200 passionate participants from approximately 20 diverse countries, all congregating in the picturesque city of Athens, Greece.

EdYOUfest Athens 2023 was an unforgettable experience. It was a harmonious blend of pedagogical prowess, cultural exchange, and the warm embrace of a global community of educators. Our conference was more than just a gathering; it was a celebration of our shared commitment to advancing English language teaching

EdYOUfest became the nexus where seasoned educators and eager learners met, connected, and shared their experiences. The air was electric with enthusiasm, the streets of Athens resonated with conversations that transcended borders, and friendships were forged that will undoubtedly transcend time.

As we embark on this new issue of EDYOUMAGAZINE, let the spirit of EdYOUfest Athens inspire us to push the boundaries of our teaching, to explore innovative horizons, and to embrace the transformative power of education..

THANK YOU!







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Important Note

This edition brings you insights from EdYOUfest Athens to give you a taste of what's coming next

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Letter from the president

Dear all

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your outstanding dedication and hard work in making EdYOUfest Athens 2023 an incredible success. Your remarkable efforts have not only met but exceeded our expectations, and you should all be incredibly proud of what we have achieved together.

Giovanni Rottura

For me personally, witnessing the realisation of a vision I've nurtured for the past 8 years has been nothing short of magical. EdYOUfest is now reborn and carries the responsibility of maintaining the high standards we've set. I am committed to refining certain aspects and have already initiated conversations with potential new sponsors and partners to ensure that EdYOUfest continues to thrive.



Furthermore, I'm thrilled to share that we've received numerous emails from teachers eager to join us next year, and teacher trainers have shown keen interest in joining our presentations. This is a testament to the impact we are making in the educational community.

Let's continue to work with the same passion and enthusiasm, to carry the legacy of EdYOUfest forward.

Ciao for now



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WITH INCREDIBLE SPEAKERS

What did they talk about?

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Inside the Plenary Sessions

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André Kedlund

His session was based on his book, "The Owl Factor" and explained how it was inspired by Socrates and Greece's strong educational tradition.

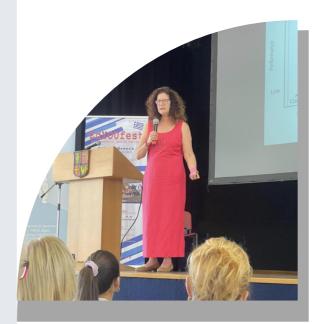
Hedlund's presentation was a mix of educational wisdom, pop culture, and appreciation for Greek culture. He talked about how his book not only honored Greek education but also included stories from Aesop, insights from Greek architecture, and the importance of the Owl of Athena symbol.

André shared how educators need to skillfully combine the old (foundations) and the new in order to truly empower their students to go beyond. His passion for Greece's rich history and its impact on education was clear to everyone. He eagerly expressed his excitement about visiting Athens in August for EdYOUfest, a celebration of Greek education.

André made the audience see the enduring influence of Greece in education, leaving them inspired to reflect on their own teaching approaches through this rich cultural lens.

In her compelling plenary session, Dorothy Zemach challenged the prevailing wisdom that pushing oneself beyond the comfort zone is the key to effective learning. She referenced a well-known 1908 experiment involving Japanese mice, often cited as evidence that stepping outside one's comfort zone enhances performance. However, Dorothy urged the audience to reconsider this concept when it comes to human learning. Rather than constantly pushing individuals into states of discomfort, she advocated for a balanced approach that acknowledges the importance of feeling secure and at ease while embarking on the journey of knowledge acquisition.

Zemach mentioned "Flow," where learning occurs at the intersection of effort and serenity. This balanced state allows individuals to harness their full potential without unnecessary stress or anxiety. By cultivating an environment that fosters both challenge and comfort, educators and learners alike can harness the power of the Flow Zone to achieve the best possible outcomes in their educational pursuits.



Dorothy Lemach

Inside the Plenary Sessions

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Katherine Stannett

Katherine Stannett's plenary session on the power of storytelling was a captivating exploration of how stories are deeply intertwined with our identities and cognitive processes. She highlighted the profound role narratives play in shaping our understanding of ourselves and the world around us and how we engage in storytelling constantly, whether in our daily conversations or through the stories we tell ourselves about our lives.

Throughout her presentation, Stannett skillfully wove the theme of storytelling into the fabric of critical thinking. She showcased how narratives serve as invaluable tools for honing critical thinking skills, as they compel us to question, analyze, and interpret the events and characters within them.

Stannett shared four compelling stories, each brimming with life lessons and insights. These stories served as vivid examples of the power of narrative in conveying complex ideas and emotions. She ended with frameworks and tips for using stories in the classroom.



Captatio benevolentiae - Attract what is good.

George Kokolas' plenary session resonated deeply with educators and learners alike as he passionately explored the transformative power of positive education. His

journey towards this educational philosophy began when he witnessed the considerable suffering and challenges faced by students and teachers. This realization prompted him to take proactive steps to

George Kokolas

enhance the learning experience for everyone involved.
Kokolas believes that we have lost sight of the joy, ease, and naturalness of the learning process, instead, being inundated with misguided values regarding education and learning.
Kokolas passionately advocates for a shift in our perspective emphasizing that bappiness should

perspective, emphasizing that happiness should precede success. He argues that Positive Psychology (PP) plays a pivotal role in this paradigm shift, as it can help individuals find happiness and resilience, ultimately empowering them for the lifelong journey of learning.

A key takeaway from Kokolas' session is the idea that positivity cannot be merely taught; it must be embodied.

Inside the Plenary Sessions EDYOUMAGAZINE

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Sophia Maridi

Sophia Mavridi's session was a compelling exploration of the intersection between digital pedagogy and the ever-evolving landscape of AI. With a keen focus on cutting through the cacophony of noise, hype, and moral concerns surrounding artificial intelligence, Sophia delivered profound insights that resonated deeply with her audience.

Mavridi's presentation shed light on the transformative potential of AI in education, providing valuable perspectives to navigate the dynamic realm of digital fluency. Her work in advancing digital literacy in education was particularly mentioned, highlighting the critical role it plays in empowering educators to harness the power of technology effectively.

One of the key takeaways was a reminder of our inherent sociability as humans. Regardless of how technology progresses and education evolves, the fundamental need for human contact remains steadfast. Technology may change the landscape of education, educators, coaches, and teachers should not perceive these advancements as a threat. Instead, they should see technology as a tool to enhance their roles in society, adapting and evolving with the times while maintaining the essential human element in education.

Nikoleta Kanelli's dove into inquiry-based learning as a catalyst for nurturing critical thinking skills. With a particular spotlight on the collaborative efforts of Athens College students, she illustrated how this approach has enriched their understanding of the world. Kanelli's presentation highlighted students' remarkable learning journey through an in-depth history lesson about World War II. Instead of traditional rote memorization, the students engaged in a dynamic process of research and exploration. By adopting this inquiry-based methodology, students not only absorbed facts but also cultivated essential critical thinking skills, learning how to analyze and synthesize information effectively.

The learning process involved multimedia resources, which not only brought historical events to life but also catered to various interests, ensuring that every student had an engaging and immersive experience. Nikoleta Kanelli's illustration of this history lesson underscored the power of inquiry-based learning in fostering not just knowledge acquisition but also the development of vital analytical skills.

Nikoleta Kanelli







EdYOUfest

more than just a conference

What are people saying about the conference?

What an amazing, thought-provoking, energising, and international event! I'm still taking in all the insights and connections. Huge congrats to everyone involved - organisers, sponsors, speakers, and delegates. Kudos for making it a conference to remember. You've truly set the bar high!

Sophia Mavridi

An amazing collection of dear friends, I'm so so lucky! It was the most emotional EdYouFest, felt like coming home over and over again, with every friend I hugged and smiled to! Thank you all!

Georgia Cosneanu

What are the ingredients of a great conference? For me, it's the merging of great minds - coming together to share, develop, interact, learn, inspire and where better than together with the ancient Greeks - congratulations Giovanni Rottura for this EdYou Fest in Athens - it has been an amazing "merging of great minds". Thanks eGiovanni Rottura, André Hedlund Thom Jones and all the team !

Rachel Paling

What a line-up of speakers! A lovely opportunity to get to know colleagues from all over the world and meet up with friends from all around Greece as well. The gala at Lycabettus at the end of Day 1 kept everyone energized for the days to follow.

Matina Katseli



This is what Edyoufest is about: being inspired, making connections, having fun and belonging in an international community of educators

Annita Manetaki

A spectacular setting for the EdYouFest conference in Athens. I was particularly delighted to finally meet André Hedlund in person after many fruitful online collaborations, to listen to Sofia Mavridi's brilliant speech on Digital Pedagogy, to attend a workshop of Rachel Paling and to catch up with teachers and fellow speakers. A big shoutout to André Hedlund and Giovanni Rottura for organizing this inspiring conference in such a breathtaking location

Antoine Marcq

EdYOUfest 2023 Athens!!!

New friends,old friends,colleagues from all over the globe, insightful plenaries and workshops, warm hospitality. A truly unique experience. Until we meet again in Morocco.

Despina Mallidou

Still trying to process the invaluable input of the 4-day event with 6 plenary speakers, dozens of workshops, an unforgettable Gala dinner and hundreds of connections with new and old friends and colleagues from all over the world. I can only feel blessed to have been part of this incredible conference for the 2nd time and grateful to André Hedlund for his invitation

Dimitris Kouniakis

EdYOUfest has been a blast so far. Not only did we have an amazing lineup of speakers, but also, and I think I speak for everyone, we had the chance to meet old friends and make new ones. The best part is that we get to take photos with people we had met just online.

André Hedlund

Good times, laughter, lovely people, fine food, IDEAS. A magical, momentous time. Thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thom Jones





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Storytelling in EFI Classrooms Inclusion Really Matters Teaching the Whole Student

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TEACHING EDVOUFEST ATHENS 2023



1. Special Needs, 2. Critical Thinking and Creativity, 3. Images and Media Literacy, 4. Learners' Voice

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Social and Emotional Learning Coaching Models Questions and Answers



CARING EDVOUFEST ATHENS 2023



1. Mediation in the Classroom, 2. American Folk Songs, 3. Metacognition, 4. Now the Sea has become Yoghurt

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START

Welcome from the EDYOUMARATHON Team and Program of the Day

12:00

LIVE STREAMING 2

Derry - Insights from the "North West Academy Language School"

15:30

LIVE STREAMING 3

Baku - Exploring English Language Teaching Practices in Azerbaijan

17:35

SOUND MEDITATION

Relaxation and Mindfulness for Teachers

20:25

CLOSING REMARKS AND EVENT WRAP-UP

09:20

LIVE STREAMING

Tokyo -Insights from English Language Teaching in Japan

13:00

FLEX & STRETCH

Energizing and Rejuvenating Exercises for Teachers

15:55

EDYOUFEST 2024 PRESENTATION

17:50

21:00

WEBINAR 6

"Data-Driven Instruction: Utilizing Analytics to Enhance Student Progress"

09:45

WEBINAR 1

"Unleashing the Potential: Exploring Technology-Enhanced Language Learning"

13:15

WEBINAR 3

"Blended Learning: Striking the Perfect Balance Between Virtual and Traditional Instruction"

16:10

WEBINAR 5

"Harnessing the Power of Online Platforms: Creating Engaging Virtual LearningEnvironments"

19:00

WEBINAR 7

"Al and ChatGPT in Language Teaching: Enhancing Personalized Learning Experiences"

10:45

WEBINAR 2

"The Digital Classroom Revolu&on: Adap&ng Teaching Approaches for the 21st Century"

14:15

WEBINAR 4

"Adapting Activities to Online Instruction"

17:10

LIVE STREAMING 4

Bucharest - Innovative Approaches in English Language Teaching in Romania

20:00

LIVE STREAMING 5

New York - Effective Strategies for English Language Teaching in the USA

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CONFERENCE FEATURE NATALIA VIDAL

Find out what this enthusiastic Brazilian Educator thought of EdYOUfest

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

first time at EdYOUfest, first time in Europe

by Natalia Vidal



atalia from 16 years ago, who started in the classroom earning less than TEN Brazilian reais an hour/class, is vibrating with joy and very proud of the Nat of 2023, who never gave up and remained confident

Almost a year ago, I received a more than special invitation; to participate as a speaker and offer a workshop at an international conference.

A theme with which I experienced so much resistance in Brazil, now opens the doors so that I can expand the message of the Therapeutic Education Journey around the world 🔊

Life is perfect as it is. For those who believe in coincidences, they think it's amazing.

We can live many incredible things for life, but the feeling of a dream come true is unique 💎

Bringing my work to EdYOUfest in Greece was a great achievement for me. A mixture of positive and motivating emotions to follow with the Therapeutic Education Journey, spreading seeds that can collaborate with human development. And I trust that this path is made through us, educators [®]

I found out that Greece is not just a country.

It is, in addition to everything it can offer us, a strong possibility for a powerful reunion with our own being and our awareness of integration with the whole. Natália has fallen in love with the EdYOUfest family and wants to contribute. She will join us as social media promoter and plans to be in Morocco in 2024.

I leave here overflowing with joy and gratitude for everything I've experienced.



NATALIA VIDAL

ACCOMPLISHMENT

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2 REFLECTION

We were based in Athens and blessed by Greek Gods with some of the most beautiful views in this planet. And as our dear friend Antoine Marcq have said, EdYOUfest Athens 2023 has been more than a conference, an international community of learning, sharing and networking with a ceremony at the National and Kapodistrian University and a tour of the Acropolis.



I leave Greece but Greece will forever be in my heart and soul, as the new connections and amazing friends that have come along the way.

In the cradle of civilization, education, once again, made history. Everything is saved

Couldn't feed happier in life!

Natalia has certainly enjoyed her first EdYOUfest

WHAT EDYOUFEST MEANT

My first international conference took place here in Athens, Greece.

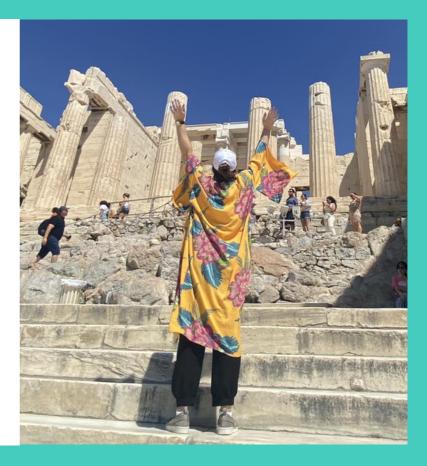
I had the honor of joining the event, not only as a participant, but also as a speaker.

An incredible opportunity to exchange about challenges and possibilities towards inclusion in bilingual education.

Educators from various parts of the world, together for a mission; expand knowledge and awareness for a collaborative and healthy education.

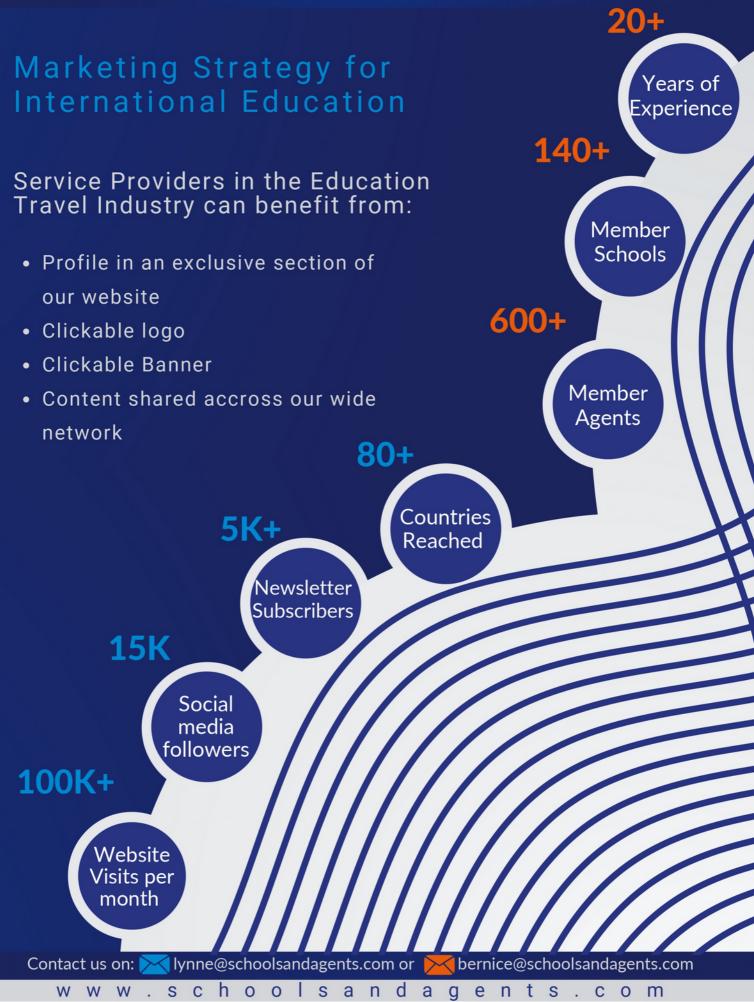
Feel your mind present in this special moment here and now - and then you will be able to help your students more.

Let's remember that we are - far beyond educators - we are enthusiastic. And we are YES, making a difference in the lives of many people









ALITTLE TASTE OF THE



DINNER WITH A VIEW

A view of the Acropolis to make the Greek Gods envious



GREAT FOODD

Fantastic Connections



The Traditional EdYOUfest Gala Dinner

was held on the majestic St. Lycabettus rooftop terrace

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Myroslava Skrynyk

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A gold ticket winner's testimonial



TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE

By Myroslava Skrynyk

Hi, I'm Myroslava Skrynyk – teacher from Ukraine. I teach English for law enforcement officers, cadets and students of Law faculty of National Academy of Internal Affairs. I got a scholarship to attend EdYouFest Athens 2023. I want to express my gratitude for this opportunity to Giovanni Rottura and the team of EdYouFest. It was my first attendance of this event and I had some expectations. As I stepped into the venue of Athens-Psychico College, I felt a sense of excitement and anticipation. The air was charged with the collective enthusiasm of educators from various corners of the world.

At that moment, it seemed I had moved from one reality - at war and where studying was only possible online or in a shelter, to another - where people are free, feel safe and have the opportunity to be here like we were once. However, after registration, I went to the opening and waited for the workshops with professionals in English learning methodology.



ABOUT Edyoufest

Workshops, panel discussions, and concurrent sessions offered a treasure trove of knowledge, leaving me torn between multiple intriguing choices. It was a challenge to select the most relevant sessions that would benefit my students and me the most: Rob Howard with the theme "One-to-win: making the most of one-to-one" gave us a good strategy for improving speaking skills of students; Rachel Paling transformed in our minds the role of teacher to coach. I can't forget the amazing plenary session of George Kokolas that has left tons of interesting resources for the future. The most unexpected for me was the last plenary session of the second day, where Nicoletta Kanelli presented her point of view of teaching the English language from а socio-historical aspect.





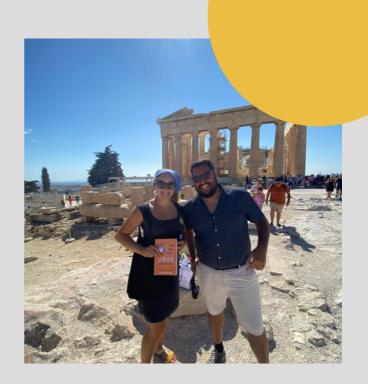
After watching a part of the historical film of the bombing of Warsaw during World War II, my two realities crossed again and reminded me of the war at home. In spite of all my inner feelings, conversations flowed freely, and I found myself engaged in discussions with passionate educators fellow about innovative teaching methods, curriculum design, and the everevolving challenges of our profession.

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Throughout the conference, there were moments of inspiration that touched my soul - as the gift from Andre Hedlund: a signed copy of his book. Keynote speakers Dorothy Zemach and Jenny Dooley shared their wisdom, reminding us of the immense impact a dedicated English teacher can have on a student's life without forgetting about themselves. I was moved by real stories of transformation and the power of language to bridge divides cultural and foster understanding by Thom Jones.

"I was moved by the real stories of transformation"

As the conference drew to a close, there was a sense of bittersweet farewell in the air. I had made new friends and professional connections, but I knew that soon we would all return to our respective classrooms, armed with fresh insights and ideas to enhance our teaching practices.



Leaving the conference, I carried a renewed sense of purpose and motivation. The experience left me inspired to continue nurturing the love for English language and literature in my students. It reinforced my belief that as English teachers, we hold the key to unlocking doors opportunity of and understanding for our students, and I felt honored to be a part of such a passionate community of educators.

In the end, my feelings about the conference for English teachers can summarized be in one word: gratitude. Grateful for the knowledge shared, the connections made, and the inspiration gained. It was an emotional rollercoaster, but one that left me better equipped and more determined to shape the future of those who through pass my classroom.



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Rob Howard & Andrzej Stęsik



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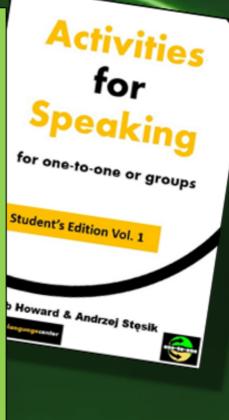
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A BEAUTIFUL VENUE TO CELEBRATE THE END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EDYOUFEST CONFERENCE





A Lesson at the Acropolis

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n the heart of Athens, a group of educators embarked on a journey that would leave an indelible mark on their teaching careers.

Their destination: the majestic Acropolis, a symbol of ancient Greek civilization. With only a radio at her disposal, their tour guide would turn this visit into an unforgettable lesson in history and storytelling.

The teachers had spent a grandiose weekend of learning, sharing, and networking, culminating in a visit to the National and Kapodistrian University and a tour of the iconic Acropolis.



As the group made their way up the steep path towards the Parthenon, the guide's incredible storytelling skills breathed life

into the history that surrounded them. But it was the unique approach to teaching through role-playing that truly set this experience apart.

At first, the guide explained to Joaquín Triandafilide that those captured in ancient days would most likely become slaves. She made Joaquín a slave trader and put André Hedlund and Thom Jones in the roles of slaves. André would cost around 50K euros whereas Thom would be sold for maybe 40K.

Then Thom Jones found himself in the shoes of an aristocrat, while André Hedlund assumed the role of a democrat. The guide, with a fabulous dose of humor, led them through debates and the construction of ancient Athens, making history resonate in their hearts and minds.

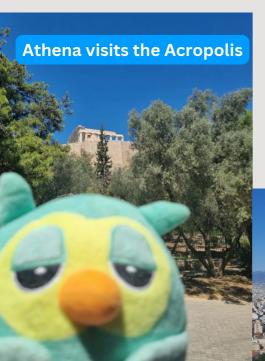
Antoine Marcq had a memorable role to play. As she recalls in her testimonial, she was cast as a murderer, a revelation that left her both shocked and bemused. While her companions explored the noble aspects of ancient Athenian life, she was warned that daring to walk through the Acropolis gates might result in her being struck by lightning. It was a humorous twist that kept the group engaged and entertained throughout the tour.



"The art of storytelling remains a powerful teaching tool"

exploring

Despite the ominous forecast, the teachers' journey to the Acropolis became an adventure. It was a reminder that there is nothing quite like a walk to explore a city's hidden treasures. n the end, what these teachers took away from their Athenian Acropolis tour was more than historical knowledge.



They learned the power of storytelling in education, the ability to make history come alive, and the importance of injecting humor and creativity into their teaching methods. The tour guide, armed with nothing but a radio and a wealth of knowledge, had successfully transformed a visit to an ancient monument into a lesson that would resonate with them and their students for years to come.

Tatiana admiring the view



André and The Owl Factor

Lhoussine wears the flag

Ecaterina, Maria, and Georgia from Romania



WHERE'S EDYOUFEST GOING NEXT?

We are exploring a few options at the moment. Stay tuned!

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