

## ELT Forum

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*ELT Forum is a newsletter for English language teachers and teacher educators, fostering community and keeping you informed about professional development, networking events, publications and teaching resources. Based in Cluster Mitte, Austria, we aim to share valuable content across Austria. Please send us your feedback and any news, events or resources to help our community grow.*

### Professional Development Opportunities

**Join Our Online English Teacher Talk** where we'll be showcasing **teaching materials** designed to support the topic of "The Time" in the Unterstufe. Plus, you'll hear firsthand from teachers who have successfully used these materials in their classrooms!

#### What to expect?

- Inspiring classroom-ready resources
- Real teacher experiences & insights
- A chance to connect and exchange ideas

**English Teacher Talks**  
*Teachers share their practice with other teachers*

**TEACHING  
"THE TIME"**

**IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSROOM  
USING MULTILINGUAL STRATEGIES**

Are you teaching 1st grade Unterstufe how to tell time?

Many students struggle and textbooks often fall short—especially in multilingual classrooms. Join our online seminar for practical strategies, classroom-ready materials and scaffolding techniques to make learning "The Time" more accessible and engaging for all!

**March 20**

15-16.15, Online:  
<https://shorturl.at/VdvKt>

**Who should join?** Teachers using *More! 1*, *Step by Step 1*, or *easy 1* -- and anyone looking for practical ways to teach or review telling the time at any level.

**Hosted by Elizabeth Erling, Prof. of ELT at the PHÖÖ,**  
**--with special guest English teachers!**

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### English Day (KPH Wien/NÖ)

The KPH Wien/Niederösterreich offers a day of workshops with practical approaches and fresh ideas. You can choose two of six interesting courses, all held by native speakers.

Mar. 11, 2025: 9:00-17:00

Sign up here: [www.kphvie.ac.at/institute/institut-fortbildung/nachmeldung.html](http://www.kphvie.ac.at/institute/institut-fortbildung/nachmeldung.html)

### Shape the Future: Become a Praxispädagog\*in or Mentor!

If you've been teaching English for at least 5 years and want to take on a new challenge, consider becoming a Mentor or a *Praxispädagog\*in*! These 15-ECTS programs (over 2 semesters) allow you to deepen your professional development and mentor new teachers as they enter the system.

Sign up by May 2025 to start in Winter Semester 2025/26.

Both the PHOÖ and PHDL offer these programs:

 [PHOÖ Details](#)

 [PHDL Details](#)

If you're outside OÖ, check with your local PH for a similar opportunity.

We really need new people in this role—your experience and support can make a big difference!

### Networking Opportunities

#### Conference for Young Academics of the Austrian Society for Language Education (ÖGSD)

This conference provides a platform for junior researchers in language education. It aims to connect researchers, educators, and teacher trainers across different languages and teaching methodologies.

Find out more in the attached documents!

Mar. 7, 2025: submit your abstract to [oegsd-nachwuchstagung2025@uni-graz.at](mailto:oegsd-nachwuchstagung2025@uni-graz.at)

Apr. 20, 2025: sign up for the conference via email to [oegsd-nachwuchstagung2025@uni-graz.at](mailto:oegsd-nachwuchstagung2025@uni-graz.at)

#### “Fully Booked” Book Club

This on-site book club meets monthly at the University of Vienna. It is aimed at (primarily) students of education in the subject English. Topics revolve around contemporary children's and young adult literature.

Have a look here: <https://www.facebook.com/fullybookedcya/>

Or sign up here: [fullybooked.anglistik@univie.ac.at](mailto:fullybooked.anglistik@univie.ac.at)

### Conferences

See the attached flyer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Austrian BMHS CLIL Conference at the PHDL, Linz  
3-4 April 2025

### Our Recommendations

#### How educators can use AI

Alicia Bankhofer, an educator in English and Digital Competences, published the third part of a four-part series about Using AI in the English classroom.

Read it here: [https://aliciabankhofer.substack.com/p/how-educators-can-use-genai-where?utm\\_source=post-email-title&publication\\_id=2234515&post\\_id=156373976&utm\\_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=18rk97&triedRedirect=true&utm\\_medium=email](https://aliciabankhofer.substack.com/p/how-educators-can-use-genai-where?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=2234515&post_id=156373976&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=18rk97&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email)

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