Celebrating Teaching, Celebrating Learning: Presenters

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Ludka has over 35 years' experience in language education as teacher, teacher trainer and manager. She was Managing Director of ELS-Bell schools until 2016 and Eaquals Chair (2010-2014) and Director of Accreditation (2016-2022). She has been a member of NILE Advisory Board since 2023. Currently she is a freelance consultant and inspector. Her areas of interest cover quality assurance and change management.

Magdalena Sowa
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Magdalena is a lecturer and researcher at the Institute of Linguistics and Literary Studies, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, and Head of the Department of Applied Linguistics. She specialises in language acquisition and foreign language education, with a particular focus on English for Specific Purposes. She has published widely on language teaching in different educational contexts, coordinated international projects on ESP didactics, and leads training courses for students and language teachers in both general and vocational fields.

Jamie Keddie
NILE Consultant Trainer, LessonStream founder

Jamie has been a proud consultant trainer for over half of NILE's lifetime, running face-to-face teacher training courses on the use of video, image and story. He is also a storyteller, an Oxford University Press author and the founder of LessonStream – a resources site for teachers.

Russell Stannard
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Russell is a multi award-winning Educational Technologist and founder of www.teachertrainingvideos.com. He has more than 90,000 subscribers on his YouTube channel. He received awards from the British Council ELTONS, the Times Higher and the University of Westminster for his work in the use of ICT in education. He has presented in more than 55 countries around the world.

Charlotte Aldred
NILE MA Teaching Young Learners Course Participant

Charlotte is a Delta-qualified teacher with extensive experience teaching young learners and teens. She runs a school in Poland and directs a UK immersion course, designing project-based curricula across CEFR levels. Currently pursuing an MA with NILE, she champions student-centred methodologies, integration, and 21st-century skill development.

Marlena Deckert
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Marlena is a university lecturer at the Centre for Foreign Language Teacher Training and European Education, University of Warsaw. An experienced French language teacher in both the Polish programme and international MYP and IB programmes. Co-author of French language coursebooks (published by DRACO) and author of competition tasks for the French Language Olympiad. Co-organiser of conferences for teachers. Conducts methodology workshops and publishes articles in the field of language education.

Karolina Kasperska
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Karolina is an English and German teacher with extensive experience in organisational and project management. Her main areas of interest include education in crisis contexts, research into English language teaching – particularly in relation to technology integration and language competence development. At the British Council, she manages teacher training projects in two key areas: English language teaching and inclusive education.