

## ELSA Teacher Development Day

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

Link to our website: <https://elsa-france.org/who-we-are/>

**Who are we?** An informal organisation called ELSPA (English Language Schools of the Paris Area) has existed for the last twenty years acting as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas on English schooling in the Paris region. In 1996, in response to the desire of many ELSPA member schools to enlarge the scope of the organisation, ELSPA decided to become a 1901 Association with a elected board, a budget and an office with secretarial support. In 1995, a successful one-day Teach-in for in-service teacher training was held at the CIEP, soon to become the TDD: Teacher Development Day.

**Who are our member schools?** Both primary and secondary schools belong to ELSA. We also have bilingual sections, international sections, and schools which follow either US or British curriculum. Some of our schools follow the Cambridge programme whilst others are IB affiliated schools. Overall, we have a wide range of schools with different curricular, but which all place great importance on strong professional development.

Our flagship event is our Teacher Development Day for primary and secondary school teachers where we invite speakers from within France AND outside France to deliver workshops for our teachers.

If you are interested in presenting, we would ask you to submit the following:

- a short abstract about yourself
- a blurb for each of your proposed workshops (topic, age range, type of activities)

If your proposals are accepted we would then ask you to send in a more polished version of the blurb for our website.

We offer the following remuneration for overseas speakers:

- 150 euros per workshop (each workshop should last 1h15 and we ask overseas speakers to run 3 different workshops)
- travel expenses
- one night in a hotel on Friday 12th March + dinner with the ELSA team

This year we are particularly interested in the following topics, **but we are open to all ideas and suggestions:**

- Early Years (ages 3-6) – all topics
- Artificial Intelligence
- English (KS3 and KS4) including approaches to literature
- History – all ages
- Adaptive teaching
- Metacognition

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