WORKSHOP
Teaching English For Young Learners
Using Technology

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The use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) is spreading inside the classrooms at all educational levels. As this integration has extended to young learners, the authorities have recommended their use so that children can acquire knowledge and skills they will use all their lives. Keeping in mind that it is at this age when very young learners acquire abilities and basic skills at their own pace, the more personalized the better.

This workshop will showcase a variety of lesson types using ICT-based English Language Teaching program better known as CALL (Computer-Assisted Language Learning), with participants invited to use and experience for themselves gadgets like computers; tablets such as iPADs and or Androids; mobile devices such as iPhones and iPods in language teaching. See what it feels like! Along the way, we will share some insights from the neuroscience about how the brain processes the language and why this is important for language teachers. In particular this workshop will focus on teaching English to young learners age 5 to 12.

The materials which will be introduced and showcased include:

1. Lesson types and learning strategies for developing oral proficiency and pronunciations, including the use of speech recognition;
2. Lessons and strategies for teacher training and on-going support, including lesson planning templates and tools;
3. A tool for collecting, analyzing, evaluating, and directing student practice;
4. A newly developed computer-adaptive, variable length test of oral proficiency, including the theory behind it.