

Dear IATEFL Associates,

As you are hopefully aware, Green IATEFL is now up and running. Green IATEFL is a new initiative with the aim of making IATEFL a model of sustainability for the wider ELT community, empowering both teachers and students to take meaningful environmental action.

The purpose of this email is to invite our associates to get involved and discuss what your contributions might be.

These are the stated purposes of Green IATEFL:

1. **Thought leadership** - engaging with ideas around the interface between

ELT and the climate crisis. We are hoping that you can provide us with ideas on this based upon your local contexts and experience.

The outputs from the above might be a blog, a webinar, a mention in the e-Bulletin, or an article in Voices. Voices 300 was a sustainability special, and each edition of Voices will have a Green IATEFL column from now on. Other ideas for disseminating ideas are of course welcome.

2. **Ideas for teachers** – we are planning to produce a resource bank of classroom-ready or almost ready ideas for climate change and sustainability ETL materials, lesson plans, activities etc., that teachers can draw upon. These ideas will be submitted by the associates. We would need your association to be proactive both in asking for contributions and vetting them before submitting them. This vetting would be around whether the activities actually work, copyright infringements, and general suitability.

In addition to the above, we are also looking for some green ELT projects from teachers or institutions around the world that we can feature in an event we are taking part in, hosted by the British Council in the UK in December. These could be materials, out of school projects or courses. We are open to ideas.

Christopher Graham, IATEFL VP is leading on this so please do not hesitate to contact him to discuss any of the above, by email at chris@iatefl.org.

Best wishes,

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