

Pancyprian Association of English Teachers

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Dear colleagues,

We would like to inform you about the *Massive Open Online Courses* (MOOCs) which have existed for a long time but they have increased in popularity in the last decades. At present, due to the lockdown caused by the pandemic, f2f teacher training is not an option. MOOCs provide online courses on various fields and topics to educators, students and other groups. The *American English E-Teacher* (under the auspices of the American Embassy in Cyrpus) provides online teacher training courses delivered bv University Professors/teaching staff related to various aspects of English language teaching. A course takes several weeks and, upon successful completion, participants are granted a certificate. Parallel, participants develop their digital skills as they become familiar with the Learning Management System (LMS) used, as well as the pedagogical use of interactive tools, online quizzes and assignments. As a result, participants experience online teaching as learners which can be of great benefit as they have to deliver online classes due to the current lockdown.

Details of the courses are provided in the <u>link</u>

Sincerely,

The P.A.E.T. committee