

25th Annual National IATEFL Ukraine Conference

On April 16-17, 2021, lecturers of the Foreign Languages and Methodology Department of the Pedagogical Institute took part in the XXV Annual National Conference for teachers of English as a foreign language, organized by the British Council in Ukraine and the International Association of English Language teachers (IATEFL).

At the plenary sessions, presentations were made by a specialist in the field of linguistics and a certified specialist in the methodology of teaching English S. Thornbury (*«My 7 favourite language teaching methods»*, *«Teaching: The long conversation»*); regional manager of the British Council in Croatia, M. Mandekic and head of the English Department of the British Council in Ukraine S. Atherton (*«Future English Online Teacher Community»*); manager for Academic English language training of the British Council in Ukraine K. Martinkevich (*«The un-homework approach: how to make home assignments work»*); leading specialist in the field of English language teaching methods M. Andrews (*«Plague, Pox and Pandemic»*); researcher, teacher, author of a series of textbooks on the methodology of teaching English by J. Anderson (*«Contemporary lesson planning frameworks in ELT»*); leading specialist of courses on preparation for the CELTA certificate F. Warwick (*«Embracing Isolation by Enhancing Student Autonomy»*).

Lecturers of the Foreign languages and Methodology Department got acquainted with new trends in the methodology of teaching English; had the opportunity to share the experience with foreign colleagues on the effective use of modern technologies in the process of teaching English to students – future teachers; deepened their knowledge of modern English-language professional discourse.

In addition to participating in the plenary sessions, lecturers of the Foreign Languages and Methodology Department became active participants in a series of educational and methodological workshops (*«Burnout in ELT: a scary reality (along with practical ways on how to avoid it)»*; *«Designing an EFL course: challenges and solutions»*; *«Technology-enhanced pedagogy for ESP»*; *«CLIL and how to bring it into the classroom»*; *«Teacher training online»*; *«Exploiting aphoristic quotes in ELT to form life competencies: knowledge, skills and attitudes»*; *«How to Organize Integrated Learning (primary school, workshop)»*; *«Contemporary lesson planning frameworks in ELT»*; *«Instructional feedback in academic writing: how to not overcorrect and inspire students to write»*; *«Embracing Isolation by Enhancing Student Autonomy»*; *«COVID Blueprint: Practical Strategies for Teachers»*) and shared their own experience of teaching English primary school and preschool teachers.

The content of the conference program was aimed at developing practical life skills by means of a foreign language. Special attention was paid to the application of effective methods and techniques of teaching English during the pandemic when practical classes are online.

As part of the conference, teachers visited a virtual exhibition of modern English language textbooks for different age groups of students and those interested in learning English.

All participants received certificates upon the participation in the conference.