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16th Cambridge English Spring Seminar
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Evening programme:
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16th Annual Cambridge English Spring Seminar 16 – 17 May 2020

“Empowering your learners – developing learner autonomy”

At the Annual Spring Seminar 2020 we will be looking at how to empower your learners by giving them the necessary strategies to become better learners in the classroom and more independent learners when on their own. The challenge will be to work on a combination of knowledge and skills as well as students’ attitudes and an understanding of how to take control of their learning.

The plenary sessions:

1st Plenary: “Getting our heads round Learner Autonomy”
Ben Knight, Director of ELT Research and Teacher Development - Cambridge University Press

The first plenary session will begin by clarifying what is meant by Learner Autonomy and why it is important for teachers to develop. How Learner Autonomy can be understood within the context of other transferable core skills like collaboration, communication, critical thinking, etc. – as set out in the Cambridge Life competences Framework, will be looked at. This will include an exploration of how these competences include a combination of knowledge, skills and attitude. Learner Autonomy will be broken down into its key components – particularly: a) learning skills and strategies, b) taking control of own learning, and c) reflecting on and evaluating learning.

2nd Plenary: “Getting our students into Learner Autonomy”
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The focus of the second talk will be on what this means for teachers. Ways of developing each of the components of Learner Autonomy will be looked at. How can your students’ use of learning strategies be developed by you? What can you as teachers do to encourage your students to take control of their learning? And how can you help them reflect constructively on how they are learning, and make their own decisions on what they need to work on next? A number of useful activities will be suggested and there will be an opportunity to share ideas.

In the workshops the presenters will explore:

The workshops will look at selected tools and activities in more detail and from a practical perspective. All CEFR levels from A2 to C2 will be covered as well as suggestions as to how to apply the ideas and the strategies learned about in the plenary sessions to all exam component. All the skills required in the exams will be looked at and ideas presented to support the main topic of the weekend.

A lot to benefit from:
- Excellent Plenary sessions
- Several interesting and practical workshops
- Free support material for Cambridge English exam teaching
- New: Exhibitor presentations
- 20% discount at Book Exhibition (various Publishers)
- Delicious refreshments and wonderful location
- Apéro and Gala Dinner with Entertainment Programme on Saturday evening
Agenda

Saturday, 16 May 2020

08.45 – 09.30  Registration / Coffee / Book Exhibition Foyer Forum
09.30 – 10.00  Welcome and Introduction
               Lori Kaithan (Centre Exams Manager/CEO Swiss Exams)
10.00 – 11.00  1st Plenary: “Getting our heads round Learner Autonomy”
               Ben Knight, Director of ELT Research and Teacher Development - Cambridge University Press
11.00 – 11.30  Coffee Break / Book Exhibition Foyer Forum
11.30 – 12.30  2nd Plenary: “Getting our students into Learner Autonomy”
               Ben Knight, Director of ELT Research and Teacher Development - Cambridge University Press
12.30 – 13.30  Lunch / Book Exhibition
13.30 – 14.00  New: Exhibitor Presentations – Choose on site
14.00 – 15.45  Workshops – Choose your workshop level from A2 – C2.
15.45 – 16.15  Coffee Break / Book Exhibition Foyer Forum
16.15 – 17.45  Workshops – Choose your workshop level from A2 – C2.
18.15 – 19.00  Apéro in an old wine cellar dating back to the 17th Century
               Gala Dinner and Entertainment Programme

Sunday, 17 May 2020

08.30 – 09.00  Coffee / Book Exhibition Foyer Forum
09.00 – 10.30  Workshops – Choose your workshop level from A2 – C2.
10.30 – 11.00  Coffee Break / Book Exhibition Foyer Forum
11.00 – 12.30  Workshops – Choose your workshop level from A2 – C2.
12.30 – 13.30  Sandwich-Lunch / Book Exhibition Foyer Forum
13.30  End of Seminar
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Whether you teach exam preparation classes, conversation or literature courses, you will benefit from this seminar and will not want to miss this opportunity for your own development and that of your students. In addition, your students will be able to apply new strategies to areas of learning other than their English classes. You will benefit not only from what the presenters will be showing you but also from the ideas of your colleagues and there will be numerous occasions for that exchange to happen. Join us for an enriching and productive weekend.

“I always like attending the seminar at the Bocken, it is such a lovely venue, which contributes to the great learning atmosphere. It was very well organized, wonderful food, great teachers!”

“Well done. I loved being able to take the seminar content home with me to study & share with colleagues.”

“It is a great seminar and I benefit a lot from it. I will be a regular guest!”

“Great venue, pleasant atmosphere, excellent Seminar. Thank you!”

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