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# Welcome to the fourth ELT Ireland Bulletin!

by Dr. Lou McLaughlin (President of ELT Ireland)

During 2017, we were delighted to bring ELTed (Education & Development) to all parts of Ireland. We began our journey in Cork in April and were hosted by the Language Centre at University College Cork. We then came to Dublin the following month, in May 2017, and ran our event with the support of ATC. In October, after the summer break, we went south again to Wexford and were hosted by The Slaney Language Centre. Bringing the year to a close, we returned to Dublin in December and were hosted by CES (Centre of English Studies). It was wonderful to share these experiences with such enthusiastic members around the country. As always, the recordings of these sessions are available on the ELT Ireland website [www\\_elt\\_ireland\\_com](http://www_elt_ireland_com)

Our Manager Meet-ups continued as before but 2017 saw us extend this to run Manager Meet-ups at the same time in different parts of the country. Emma McCarthy and Michael Browne organised the Cork Manager Meet-Up on 27th September while ELT Ireland ran the Dublin Manager Meet-Up. Both groups discussed the same topic, "Having Difficult Conversations" during their time together and the notes from both meetings were collated and sent out to all involved in the Meet-ups.

For 2017, we continued the travel scholarship to attend the IATEFL Conference. This year, we offered two grants. We were delighted to award the grants to Joseph Shiels and Tom Le Seelleur. Both attended the IATEFL conference and sent in reports of their experience. Lou McLaughlin (ELT Ireland Founder) was in attendance at both Associates Day and the conference itself, making use of the networking opportunities available and share experiences with the other IATEFL Associates present. The ELT Ireland scholarship scheme is also running again this year for the third consecutive year and we hope to receive many applications for this.

The 4th annual conference will be taking place in Griffith College on 17th and 18th of February 2018. The theme of the conference this year is "Improving Outcomes in ELT" and we are welcoming plenary speakers from both home and abroad with Sue Hackett, Dr Thomas Farrell and Adrian Underhill joining us.

Making it happen: The ELT Ireland committee at the 2017 conference

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Southern wave: ELTed took its second trip to Cork in 2017

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Membership of ELT Ireland continues to grow and we are grateful for the support that we receive from our members. Our Institutional members have now been given awarded one vote at the AGM and they continue to benefit from the option to use the ELT Ireland Jobs Board on our website.

Our Associates Member option is still open to all non-teaching organisations that support us in our mission to develop English language teaching support network in Ireland. This year, as before, we have had a number of committee member changes. We would like to extend our thanks to those committee members who stood down during the year, Joanne Mitten (Communications Officer) and Shay Coyne (Treasurer). We would like to thank both for their huge contribution and dedication during their time on the committee. We were delighted to welcome Jane Seely back to the committee as Communications Officer this year.

As President of ELT Ireland, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and encouragement in all that we do during the year. We are very proud of being part of ELT Ireland and bringing our members together to strengthen the wonderful network of knowledge and professionalism that we have throughout Ireland. We look forward to another successful year with you.

All the best,  
Lou

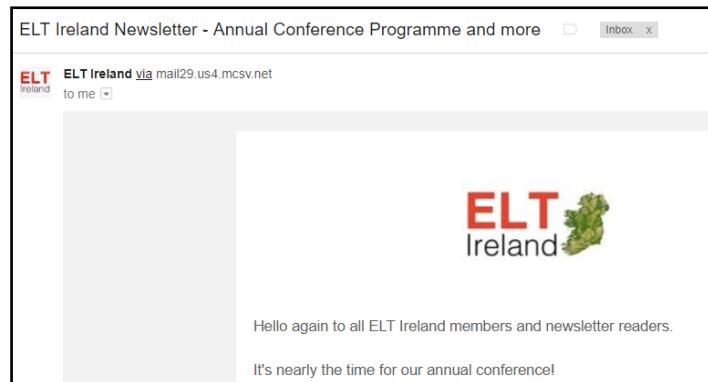
# Keeping you up to date

by Ben Dobbs (Newsletter Editor)

ELT Ireland's regular newsletter is sent out to members and subscribers every other Monday at 8.00 am Irish time.

Our newsletter aims to share news from ELT Ireland and the wider sector including conferences and events in Ireland and abroad, calls for presenters, materials and links, requests for assistance with research, and updates on ELT Ireland's regular Twitter-based ELT Chinwag.

As we want more people to engage and to show more of what is going on with ELT members, we invite readers to send us anything that may be of interest to readers. We would love to share more of members' news, ideas, publications, conference appearances and research so, if you have something to share, please let us know.



Inbox info.: The ELT Ireland newsletter goes out every fortnight.

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## ELT Chinwag

by Jane Seely (Communications Officer)

When ELT Ireland was formed in January 2014 one of its key aims was to create and promote interaction and engagement between ELT professionals in Ireland, and to be a platform for the sharing of ideas.

Twitter has long been used as a PLN (personal learning network) by ELT professionals, and has served a hugely important role in developing and fostering the community of English language Teachers, in Ireland and abroad - this role matched perfectly with ELT Ireland's key aim. Since the first ELT Chinwag on Recycling Vocabulary, our topics have covered a wide range of themes from all aspects of ELT for teachers and managers alike, with discussions varying from Classroom Management to Assessment, from Activities for Young Learners to the Flipped Classroom. Each contributor brings their expertise to the table, with every session providing insightful, useful and above all practical tips and information for all involved. This year, ELT Ireland has opened up the monthly Chinwag to guest hosts, who chair a session on their subject of expertise. Recent sessions in this format have been held on the topics of Evidence Based Education, the B1 Plateau, and Special Education Needs in ELT, with the guest host providing a particular insight on their chosen area. By inviting speakers at ELT Ted events, and speakers at our Annual Conference to host Chinwag events, we hope to widen the scope of the information being shared to those unable to attend the conference, and encourage lively debate in the process.

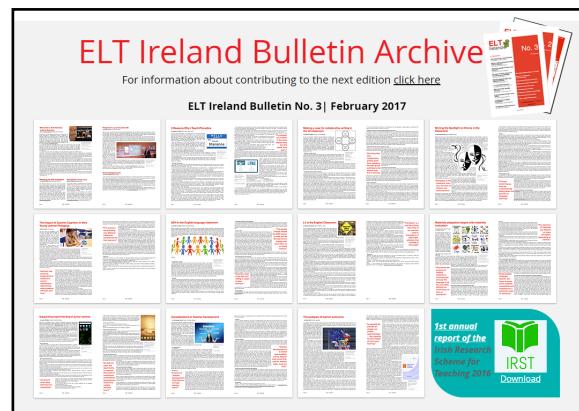
## Letter from the Editor

by Laura O'Grady (Bulletin Editor)

2017 was such an exciting year for everyone at ELT Ireland with the publication of our third issue of the Bulletin. 2018 hopes to recreate all that excitement! We kicked off the year in style with our Article Writing Forum hosted by The English Studio Dublin and Louise Guyette. This saw a gathering of ELT professionals ranging from teachers, teacher trainers to academic management all working together to share their knowledge and to inspire one another in the hopes of generating interesting and useful content.

Our Fourth issue doesn't disappoint! This issue sees us covering a broad range of topics from the use of authentic materials in the classroom, effective use of feedback, professional development to ongoing action research. Our fourth issue would not be here without the contributions from our writers, the advice and support from our reviewers and the ELT Ireland team. I would like to thank our reviewers, Stephen Bruce, Chris Farrell, Louise Guyette, Joanne Mitten and Joe Brennan for their resolute commitment to the reviewing process. I would like to thank The English Studio Dublin who kindly offered to host our Article Writing Forum.

To all the potential ELT writers I would like to say, being a writer allows you to reflect on your practices, allows you to sit still and think, it encourages you to develop your skills and to share your invaluable knowledge with others. So, if you are interested in contributing to our fourth issue contact us at [info.eltireland@gmail.com](mailto:info.eltireland@gmail.com). Many thanks to all



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