

ELTAI THOOTHUKUDI CHAPTER

Date of inception of the chapter: **25th May 2013**

From the date of its inception Thoothukudi ELTAI chapter is active in developing the teaching skills of teachers of English. The mission of this chapter is to communicate knowledge and skills for the professional development of English teachers. Following are the various activities done by the chapter in 18 months.

1. On 16th July 2013 a training programme was organized for 82 engineering college students at Chandy College of Engineering on the topic **English for Engineering Graduates**. The need and importance of developing language skills are dealt with.
2. On 21 – 22 November 2013 an international conference on **Teaching English for Employability** was organized by the chapter. This conference was sponsored by UGC and supported by the Regional English Language Office, New Delhi and the British Council, Chennai. 265 participants from different parts of the country participated in the workshop and 260 papers were presented. Selected papers were published with ISBN.
3. On 11th September 2014 a workshop on **Communicative Language Teaching** was organized for 42 pre-service teachers by Mr. George Bishop Jr., ELT trainer from New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
4. On 12th September 2014 Mr. George Bishop Jr., conducted a workshop for 48 in-service teachers from 24 schools at Thoothukudi district. The topic was **Teaching Grammar in a Student centred Classroom**. This programme was sponsored by the RELO, New Delhi.
5. On November 8-9, 2014 a workshop on **Virtual Learning** was organized at Annammal College of Education, Thoothukudi and 24 teachers from Tamilnadu were benefitted from that workshop. A google group was formed and the participants are involved in pre and post workshop tasks.
6. On December 6 -7, a workshop on **Technology Integrated Teaching** was organized at St. Mary's college, Thoothukudi and training in web 2.0 tools was given to 38 teachers.
7. On December 17-18 a workshop on **Promoting Communication Skills in the ESL Classroom** was organized at VO Chidambaram College, for 58 pre-service teachers. This event was supported by the British Council and they sponsored one speaker for the workshop.
8. On December 27-28 a National workshop on **Developing speaking skills** was organized in association with ELTAI, Chennai. 22 teachers participated in the workshop. This programme was sponsored by ELTAI.
9. On January 6-9 a workshop on **Virtual Learning** was organized for 15 teachers of Annammal College of Education. Intensive training was given for the teachers.

10. During December 2014 a project was undertaken on **Assessing the English Language Proficiency of the Students Studying Standard I - V in Subbiah Vidhyalayam Primary School, Thoothukudi** and the findings are interpreted. Based on the results we have planned to organize an intensive workshop for the primary school teachers.

Regular Programmes

We have signed MoU with the Fisheries College and Research Institute, Thoothukudi to conduct Basic English Proficiency Course for the I year BFSc students. Every Saturday two hours class is conducted for them regularly from the academic year 2013 - 14 till date.

Spoken English classes are conducted regularly for the pre-service teachers of

Annammal College of Education every day. English Orientation programme is organized for a week in the beginning of every academic year by the members of ELTAI Thoothukudi chapter for the pre-service teachers.

Future Plans

On July 24-25 the chapter has planned to associate with the IT club of Annammal College of Education to organize a two days workshop on **Constructive Teaching Through Web 2 Tools** for teacher educators. In August 2015 ELTAI Thoothukudi chapter has planned to organize a workshop on **Best Practices in TEYL** for primary school teachers at Thoothukudi district. A Virtual Learning workshop is to be organized for 40 teachers at Sarah Tucker College, Palayamkottai.

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GRAMMAR CAN BE FUN

**What's the difference between a bird watcher and a bad speller?
One watches birds and the other botches words.**

What's a synonym?

A word you use when you can't spell the other word.

You should not say, 'I ain't going'.

You should say, 'I'm not going, he's not going, they're not going ...'

Gee, ain't anybody going?