

American English Webinar Series

Description

The U.S. Department of State is pleased to offer another cycle of the webinar course entitled the *American English Webinar Series*. The next series will start on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 and consists of six live webinars offered on alternating Wednesdays. The six online seminars of the course cover a variety of topics and are intended for teachers of English or future teachers of English around the world. Participants who attend 4 out of the 6 webinars will receive e-certificates.

Course Schedule

Each American English Webinar Series consists of six (6) 60-minute webinars offered every other week at 5:30 pm (Sri Lanka time). American English Series 3 will be conducted live online and require real time interaction on these following dates:

- **May 4th:** "Hey Kids! Let's Put on a Show!" Theater in the English Language Classroom
- **May 18th:** Using Songs to Teach English
- **June 1st:** Promoting Gender Equality in the English Language Classroom
- **June 15th:** Student-Centered Classroom Management: Addressing Classroom Issues with 5 Adaptable Forms
- **June 29th:** Using Group Work Effectively to Increase Student Speaking Time in Class
- **July 13th:** Creating and Sustaining English Language and American Readers Clubs to Enhance English Learning

Recruitment

American English Webinar Series participants should be current or future ELT professionals (e.g., pre-service teachers, teachers, teacher trainers, program administrators). They should be highly motivated individuals who are dedicated to their own professional development and to sharing the knowledge they gain with colleagues in their local area. There are no pre-requisites for each series and candidates can participate in multiple series. In addition, candidates must:

- Be a citizen of and reside in Sri Lanka at the time of the course.
- Have access to a reliable computer with internet connectivity and speakers or a headset.

Registration

To take part in the webinars, please email Aruni Peiris at PeirisA@state.gov or Trinidad Hernandez at trinidadrh@gmail.com and let them know of your interest. S/he will forward a webinar application to you.

Course

Before the webinar course begins, you will receive an invitation to register for the webinar course. Please register and SAVE this email which includes login instructions! Participants are encouraged to join the associated Ning (<http://www.shapingenglish.ning.com>) to participate in discussions, view or download video and other materials from the sessions, and access recordings of the webinars.