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PLENARY

Title

Teaching real-world communication strategies through mediation

Abstract

We will start the session by defining the concept of mediation as described in the CEFRCV (2020). We will then analyse each of the three mediation macro categories to see how mediation training can help our students acquire socio-cultural as well as linguistic and paralinguistic competences, useful for them to function as more efficient mediators in multilingual and/or multicultural contexts.

WORKSHOP

Title

Mediation in the ELT classroom

Abstract

We will start the workshop by analysing simple examples of common, real-world situations that include mediation. From these we will then extract the main ingredients of a mediation situation and the skills that language users need to act as mediators. Finally, we will mix these ingredients back together to create our own mediation activity.

BIODATA

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