



Welcome!



Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

It is with great joy that we welcome you to the first annual Intercambio Summer Conference. As an organization dedicated to uniting communities through the unique world of adult English language learning, we are thrilled to gather (virtually) with you - our valued national network partners and local and CC English teachers - for this special event.

We are grateful to be celebrating our 20th year as Intercambio by honoring the crucial field of adult English language learning and each of you for the work that you do to strengthen your communities. Together, we facilitate spaces for making new and deep connections, foster cross-cultural awareness and mutual learning, build confidence in students and teachers alike, and of course, have fun! What a privilege it is to mark this milestone in the company of our national community of teachers and organizations. We thank you for taking this time with us to learn, share, connect and grow together as one empowered network.

Over the next two days, we are excited to have scheduled a wide variety of exciting and engaging workshops. We will feature presenters from our network sharing their knowledge, as well as expert panelists who will speak to specific and relevant topics in the field. We will gather for networking events to build new connections, exchange ideas, process experiences and inspire one another. We invite you to explore this conference program in depth. Be sure to register in advance for the sessions using the links included on the 'At a Glance' schedule and below each workshop description that follows. For online etiquette reminders, see the last page of this program.

Wishing you an enjoyable and inspiring two days. May you return to your classroom or office next week with new ideas, strategies and excitement to power you forward.

Please accept our warmest welcome and best wishes for a successful conference.

Yours sincerely,

Becky, Debbie, Gracie, Kira, Krista, Leanne, Lee, Nitin and Rachel

The Intercambio Summer Conference Committee

1. CHOOSE A WORKSHOP OPTION FOR EACH SESSION

Review the schedule below and choose which workshop option you'd like to attend.

2. REGISTER IN ADVANCE (OR IN THE MOMENT)

If you didn't get a chance to register for individual workshops in advance, you can register in the moment to join as the workshop starts. Find the links to register in the 'At a Glance' schedule and at the end of each session description.

3. JOIN AT EACH ZOOM LINK (CHECK YOUR EMAIL)

After registration, you'll be emailed a link to join each workshop. This email will be re-sent 30 minutes prior to each workshop as well. Each workshop has a unique email and link to join. Be sure to save these emails to easily access the workshops.

4. CONNECT, SHARE, AND LEARN!

Enjoy this special time to connect with others in the Intercambio Network of partner organizations and local teachers!

- ★ If you experience any technical difficulties or have any questions during the conference, please email conference@intercambio.org or call Rachel at 720-773-2033.

We are honored you chose to join us for our inaugural conference!

Registration is required for all workshops (kickoff activities excluded).
Choose one option per session. Register early to ensure your spot!

Friday, August 27 AT A GLANCE

Eastern Time: + 2 hours
Central Time: + 1 hour
Pacific Time: - 1 hour

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Session 1:
11:30am -
1:00pm MT

**Kickoff, Connecting
and Sharing**

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JOIN

Session 2:
1:15pm -
2:30pm MT

**Pronunciation and
the Music of English**

**Vision and Creative
Tension**

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Session 3:
2:45pm -
4:00pm MT

**Developing Students'
Small Talk Skills**

**Beyond Participation:
Learners as Leaders**

**Lessons Learned from
Fundraising in COVID**

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Color Key

Instructor Focused

Administrator Focused

Panel Discussion (Instructors/Admin)

No Focus - Open to All



Conference Program

Saturday, August 28

AT A GLANCE

Eastern Time: + 2 hours
 Central Time: + 1 hour
 Pacific Time: - 1 hour

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Option 2

Option 3

Session 4:
 9:00am -
 10:00am
 MT

Specialized Thematic
 Networking

NA

NA

JOIN

Session 5:
 10:15am -
 11:30am
 MT

Lessons Learned
 from COVID

Tips for Teaching
 Citizenship

Strategies to Build Trust
 and Retention with Adult
 English Learners

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Session 6:
 11:45am -
 1:00pm
 MT

How Phonics Helps
 Pronunciation

Engage Your Students
 through Movement
 and Play

Putting Ideas into
 Action

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Continue reading for full workshop descriptions!

Participation in every session is encouraged but not required. If you have to skip one, that's okay! We hope you can join us both days of the conference, but you are welcome to attend only one day if necessary.



Conference Program



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Session 1: 11:30am - 1:00pm MT

Kickoff, Connecting and Sharing

Hosted by the Intercambio Summer Conference Committee

Join us for an engaging conference kickoff! We'll highlight participating organizations, review logistics and answer questions. You'll also hear from Intercambio's Executive Director and set intentions for our time together. Advance registration not required.

JOIN: <https://zoom.us/j/91410479628?pwd=YXk1ZGkzVzhXY1JKRzNSVTZIV2IFQT09>

Session 2: 1:15pm - 2:30pm MT

Option 1: Pronunciation and the Music of English

Presenter: Lois LaFond, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Volunteer Teacher)

Teaching pronunciation can be tedious; however, including the "Melody of English" can enhance students' interest and development. Using intonation, stress, and rhythm as a bedrock, this workshop will apply these concepts to some typical vowel and consonant pronunciation struggles. To understand this, we need not be musicians, only good listeners.

REGISTER: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpdOyqrjMuGt30rFr6JvhCVbk1Kg9P7IRa>

Option 2: Vision and Creative Tension

Presenter: Lee Shainis, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Executive Director)

Why is vision important to your organization? Does your organization have a strong, clear shared vision? How is your personal vision similar or different from the organization's? What is your current reality, and how far is the current reality from your vision? In this workshop we will discuss a concept called "creative tension". You will have opportunities to work on where your organization is using this tool, how to keep positive creative tension moving forward, and how to have these conversations with your team.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Session 3: 2:45pm - 4:00pm MT

Option 1: Developing Students' Small Talk Skills

Presenter: Pam Smith, Beaverton Literacy Council (Volunteer and Board Member)

If your students freeze when someone says, "Hot enough for ya?", "Got big plans for Labor Day?", "Out for a walk?" or "Do you believe the traffic?" help them recognize, decode and respond to everyday abbreviated English expressions. They'll interact with confidence and keep their conversations moving.

REGISTER: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vdeyopzggGtyElp_ytKF8iGD1V9IDy9lv

Option 2: Beyond Participation: Learners as Leaders

PANEL DISCUSSION!

Facilitator: Gracie Freeman, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Group Teacher Manager)

Panelists: Yelin Garcia, Intercambio Uniting Communities (English Student)

Bill Messer, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Volunteer Teacher)

Pam Novotny, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Volunteer Teacher)

Karla Rodriguez, Nuestra Casa (Civic Engagement and Leadership Coordinator, and Instructor)

In many of our programs, English learning is a means to an end. The ultimate goal of our work with learners is to support them in building their confidence to connect in their communities. During this presentation, you'll hear from teachers and administrators about what they've done to increase student leadership and then spend time with your peers coming up with ways to do the same at your program.

REGISTER: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lf--oqT0jHdGLRmEQ32cwrqmk4k-0997D>

Option 3: Lessons Learned from Fundraising in COVID

Presenters: Erika Carlson, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Grants and Evaluation Manager), Jenny Desmond, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Director of Development)

We've all had to adapt and change our fundraising plans during COVID, with both positive and negative outcomes. We will hear from Intercambio and break into small groups to share our most effective fundraising adaptations, focusing on what we want to bring into the post-pandemic era in fundraising.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Session 4: 9:00am - 10:00am MT

Specialized Thematic Networking

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Reflect on your first day of the conference, then network with fellow attendees, sharing your knowledge and asking questions in small groups. Discussion topics will be selected from your requested interests (ex. Intercultural Communication, One-on-One Teaching, etc.) and you will choose which themed small group you'd like to join. Advance registration not required.

JOIN: <https://zoom.us/j/98017599233?pwd=UHJ1dy8vcjRUeGFFNTRkbGx6SXIXdz09>

Session 5: 10:15am - 11:30am MT

Option 1: Lessons Learned from COVID

PANEL DISCUSSION!

Facilitator: Leanne Chacon, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Director of Teacher Services)

Panelists: Eva Benda, LEAP ESL (Coordinator)

Alma Chavez, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Student Services Manager)

Angela Hanley, English in Action (Group Tutoring Program Manager)

Karla Rodriguez, Nuestra Casa (Civic Engagement and Leadership Coordinator, and Instructor)

Whew! What a year. It sure would be easy to move on and never look back. However, for many of us, the challenge of programming during COVID (in person and online) also brought great opportunities. During this panel presentation, you'll learn from teachers and administrators what lessons they're taking in to the "(almost) post-pandemic" year of programming. Ample time for Q&A will be provided.

REGISTER: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwld--qgT4vHtAp-PrH2-tMkullLskzUFanM>

Option 2: Tips for Teaching Citizenship

Presenter: Lynne Weintraub, The Jones Library, Inc (ESL and Citizenship Coordinator)

Learn how to make citizenship instruction accessible to beginning and intermediate level students. The presenter will offer strategies for prepping students for the oral interview, demystifying civics concepts, developing dictation skills, and boosting confidence. (Note: this presentation is focused on instruction & does not cover the legal qualifications for citizenship or the application process.)

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Session 5 (continued)

Option 3: Strategies to Build Trust and Retention with Adult English Learners

Presenters: Norma Fuentes, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Director of Student Services)
Lee Shainis, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Executive Director)

If students don't stay in classes, our efforts are all for nothing. If we don't build trust quickly, they won't join or stay. In this workshop we will share a few strategies we have used at Intercambio over the years to build trust and retention. Then we will allow others to share with each other what they have done at their programs. Finally, we will leave space for everyone to decide on one new action they would like to bring back to try at their program around this topic.

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Session 6: 11:45am - 1:00pm MT

Option 1: How Phonics Helps Pronunciation

Presenter: Sharon Hattaway, International Literacy Center (Founder and Director)

English does have a logic which when understood helps to improve not only pronunciation but reading and spelling. There are patterns in English that a first language speaker uses automatically but a second language speaker must learn to use. This workshop gives you the basic phonic principles that are involved with sounds, syllables, and stress. Teach your students to use these principles to think through English words that they do not know or to think through words that are hard for them to pronounce. Train your students in the sounds of English.

REGISTER: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtcuCuqT0sH9eGHbqePpBys9n5oWzipSCH>

Option 2: Engage Your Students through Movement and Play

Presenter: Debbie Goldman, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Teacher Training Manager)

Adding physical movement and game-type activities to your class can increase engagement and learning outcomes. In this practical workshop, you will learn some simple, easy-to-implement techniques to increase physical movement and suggestions for incorporating play through activities and games into your classes—whether they be in person or online.

REGISTER: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsdOqqpj0sGNJ2KWSSzGB9oiwpiil6BRuB>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Session 6 (continued)

Option 3: Putting Ideas into Action

**Presenters: Rachel Fuchs, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Director of Partner Services)
Lee Shainis, Intercambio Uniting Communities (Executive Director)**

We often go to conferences and learn a bunch of awesome new ideas. Then we go back to daily life, get overwhelmed with a full plate, and forget what we've learned. This session will create time, space, and intention to actually implement one or more ideas that you're walking away with from this conference. We will create opportunities to share, and you will learn about others' plans for concrete action which can provide more suggestions and insight into workshops you may have missed.

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**Eastern Time: + 2 hours
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Online Etiquette Reminders

- Please remain on mute unless you are actively talking. (HINT: A quick and easy way to mute yourself is by hitting the “space bar” when your Zoom screen is activated.)
- Please keep your video on during the workshop, unless something extremely distracting is going on in the background. (Perhaps, you are walking with your laptop in your hands looking for better Wi-Fi!)
- Please ensure that the name listed on your video screen is yours! We’d also like to know where you’re located. For example, your video name may be: Cindy – Boulder, CO. You can rename yourself by “right-clicking” on your video screen and selecting “rename”.
- Please consider your level of contribution in a workshop so that everyone has ample opportunity participate. If you have shared a lot, step back to provide space for others. If you haven’t said much yet, step up to share!
- Enjoy yourself, come open-minded to learn, and ready to connect.