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Resource Bulletin



BCSAP Training Audit Database An update from Joni Rose

The Training Audit Database is a database of training resources and content expertise on topics of interest to the immigrant serving sector. The initial information in the database was collected by a research team looking at relevant training resources across Canada.

The database has been designed for and is available to BCSAP funded Service Providers only. Note that the information included in this database is for research purposes only. The training resources and content expertise have not been evaluated or endorsed by the B.C. Government.

Please refer to the QUICK TIPS USER GUIDE attached with this bulletin for the link to the database and log in information.



What's New at the Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks?

An update from Marianne Kayed

The results of the National Consultation are now completed. The consultants' report is available on the CCLB website at http://language.ca/display_page.asp?page_id=895. Strategic directions for CCLB are also available there.

Revisions of the CLB and NCLC document are now underway and a revised draft is due to be completed in June, 2010. The revision is based on recommendations from the National Consultation that informed an Action Plan that was

developed by CLB experts in December and incorporated into a work plan. Citizenship & Immigration Canada (CIC) is funding the revision. The Centre is planning to validate the revised CLB document after June 2010, once funding is confirmed.

The new CLB Boot Camp is available on the CCLB website. There have already been a few Boot Camp Webinars, but stay tuned for more! Check the schedule <http://elearning.language.ca> for upcoming dates, times and

topics.

CCLB has recently completed benchmarking the Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy professions. Results will be made available in coming months. CCLB is currently identifying language demands for the Information and Technology Sector Council for 15 Software and Management occupations.

Please contact Marianne Kayed at mkayed@language.ca or visit the CCLB website at www.language.ca for more information.

10 FREE Research and Methodology Booklets by Cambridge

These short booklets cover a range of TESOL related topics including: pronunciation, Communicative Language Teaching, listening and speaking, linguistics and more. They are written by recognized experts in the field of TESOL and, best of all, they can be downloaded for free.

http://www.cambridge.org/us/esl/satellite_page/item2493035/Research-&-Methodology-Booklets/



Spring Conference Roundup: Some Interesting Resources

The two resources below are packed with activities, both old and new, that can help you spice up your summer classes.

Game-like Activities to Practice ESL Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing

By Donna Price

<http://www.quia.com/files/quia/users/donnamp/Games-handout-CATESOL-TESOL2010final.pdf>

50 stimulating Classroom Starters

By Jack Bailey

<http://www.quia.com/files/quia/users/donnamp/Class-Starters.pdf>

10 Characteristics of Highly Effective ES/EFL Teachers

By Christine Coombe

At the TESOL Conference in Boston, Christine Coombe gave teachers some food for thought with her presentation outlining the 10 Characteristics of Highly Effective ES/ESL Teachers. Although it may be unrealistic to think we should have all the characteristics, Christine helps us reflect on ways to become better teachers.

<http://www.christinecoombe.com/resources.php?page=2&t=2#list>

VCC TESOL Training Videos

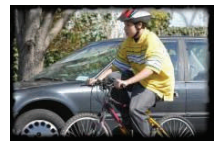
The TESOL Training videos can be viewed online. They are a great refresher for experienced teachers and a useful tool for new teachers.

<http://blogs.ubc.ca/vcctesol>

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Resources

Check out these resources on bicycle and pedestrian safety that were created especially for ESL students and teachers - Just in time for summer.

[Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety](#)



ELSA Net Resource and Website Updates

Another great resource

Teachers and ELSA 4/5 students will enjoy exploring World Cup excitement through the life and music of K'Naan. A jigsaw reading activity outlines the life of Somolian singer/songwriter as he escapes from war in Africa and finally settles in Toronto. Students learn more about his life, values and beliefs through a



video listening activity. There is also a list of resources and videos that instructors may find useful for developing other lessons related to the World Cup.

http://www.elsanet.org/pdf/Knaan_Lesson_Plan_Materials.pdf

If you have any questions about the lesson or materials, please feel free to contact Carmen at carmen@elsanet.org.

Look for ELSA Net website updates

- Annotations for the teachers' resource page
- Event Calendar updates
- Youth Curriculum
- ELSA for the Workplace links and resources
- The *draft* BCSAP-Competency Dictionary

UBC and SFU Summer PD Opportunities

Two interesting events that you may want to attend this summer:

Pre-Congress Institute - 37th International Systemic Functional Congress

July 12 to 16, 2010

UBC Main Campus, Vancouver

For details about and to register online, visit <http://eplt.educ.ubc.ca/programs/institutes/isfc2010.php>

World Englishes Today:

A Critical Reevaluation of Theory, Methodology and Pedagogy in Global Context

July 25 to 27

The 16th Annual Conference of the International Association of World Englishes is being hosted by Simon Fraser University at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver, Canada.

<http://www.worldenglishesvancouver2010.com>