

Profession as a Change Agent



In order to assist groups who would like to facilitate their own Summit on the Future of the TESOL Profession, TESOL International Association would like to provide the following “ready to use” theme-based session outlines. A simple workshop plan might run as follows:

1. Share the theme, brief definition, and starter questions with your group (5 minutes)
2. View the Guiding Principle Presentations (50 minutes)
3. Facilitate round table discussions (60 minutes)
4. View the Session Summary and Q&A (60 minutes)
5. Send feedback to TESOL International Association (per your feedback)

Feel free to start and stop the videos to engage in your own facilitated conversations. It will take roughly 3 hours and 15 minutes to get through this theme.

1. Profession as a Change Agent

Each member of the TESOL profession must be empowered to foster positive change within a risk-tolerant culture.

- How can all stakeholders become more nimble and risk-tolerant?
- How can practice shape and inform policy and research?
- How can TESOL professionals be empowered to instigate and sustain innovation?

2. View the Guiding Principle Presentations

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<http://www.tesol.org/summit-2017/themes/the-profession-as-a-change-agent-recorded-sessions>

3. Facilitate round table discussions

Here are the Profession as a Change Agent questions that we asked of the Summit Delegates in Athens:

- What are your initial thoughts and reactions to these presentations?
- How can teachers’ associations and TESOL Professionals be part of policymaking discussions, initiatives, and decisions?
- What research would help amplify teacher voices so that policy makers hear teacher stories not just as anecdotes, but as evidence?
- How is TESOL teacher professionalism defined in your working context?
- What is a plan for connecting researchers to the real questions policy makers and teachers want answered?
- How can teachers and stakeholders work together to provide accurate classroom data that can be used to guide TESOL policies?

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Choose trusted colleagues to facilitate these round table discussions. We recommend groups of 6 people, one facilitator, and one note-taker. Sit these groups of 8 at round tables to maximize conversations.

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5. Send feedback to TESOL International Association

Please share your Profession as a Change Agent feedback here:

<https://tesolorg.wufoo.com/forms/z19cx1hh0ebfvba/>

Sections at this link are organized by the round table discussion questions. Feel free to share the notes you have taken under each question. There is also a place to add any additional comments/feedback.

In order for TESOL International Association to capture your content, please complete this short questionnaire by 30 September 2017.