

# Educational Innovations in English Language Learning, Teaching and Assessment

28th October 2025, Foligno

9:00 - 9:30	Registration	
9:30 - 9:40	Welcome	USR Umbria British Council
9:40 - 10:10	<p><b>EDI and Special Need in English Language Assessment</b></p> <p>In this session, we will have an overview of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policies of the British Council, providing some instances of Special Needs (Bisogni Educativi Speciali – BES). This will lead us to showcase how the British Council implemented various types of special arrangement measures in its own assessment tools. By the end of the session, you will have an overarching view of every tool that the British Council developed in order to ensure test takers an inclusive and motivating English language assessment experience.</p>	Omar Schiavoni, Head of Business Development at British Council
10:10 - 10:55	<p><b>Innovative Strategies for Teaching EFL</b></p> <p>The English language classroom is rapidly evolving, demanding educators embrace innovative strategies to effectively engage and motivate today's students. This presentation offers a practical overview of several transformative approaches. We will explore the power of gamification to turn learning into an engaging adventure, using game mechanics to boost motivation and language acquisition. We'll demystify Artificial Intelligence (AI) and see how it can be an invaluable aid to the planning of activities, lessons and schemes of work. The Action-Oriented Approach (AOA), emphasizing real-world tasks and purposeful communication, will be presented as a powerful method to foster fluency and practical skills. We will delve into effective strategies for motivating often disengaged teenagers, focusing on relevance, choice, and collaboration. Finally, the session will address modern assessment techniques that move beyond traditional tests, exploring performance-based assessments, portfolios, and peer feedback to provide a more holistic evaluation of student progress. This presentation aims to equip teachers with actionable strategies to create dynamic, student-centered EFL classrooms that prepare students for success in an increasingly interconnected world.</p>	Simon North, Teacher Trainer at British Council
10:55 – 11:25	Coffee break	
11:25 – 12:10	<p><b>Unlock Futures with the British Council</b></p> <p>For over 90 years, the British Council has shaped brighter futures through English language teaching and assessment, education, arts and creativity, we bring the best that the UK has to offer to the world. Discover how we can help institutions unlock opportunities, from achieving English teaching excellence to opening doors with international exams.</p>	Omar Schiavoni, Head of Business Development at British Council
12:10 - 12:55	<p><b>Strumenti e strategie per scuole aperte all'internazionalizzazione</b></p> <p>A partire dalle "Linee Guida per lo sviluppo dei processi di internazionalizzazione per la filiera tecnica e professionale" di cui D. M. n. 241 del 7 dicembre 2023 si presenteranno le opportunità offerte dai programmi europei e altre varie iniziative che le scuole possono cogliere per internazionalizzare i propri curricula e favorire lo sviluppo professionale dei docenti.</p>	Antonella Gambacorta, Referente Regionale programmi europei presso USR Umbria
12:55 - 13:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Omar Schiavoni, Head of Business Development at British Council