

Sue Leather

Biodata

Sue Leather is Director of Sue Leather Associates, a consultancy group which works on ELT training and development projects. Sue has a 30-year background in working with teachers, trainers and educational managers to effect change in classroom practice. She has worked with a number of organisations, including the British Council, and has trained teachers and trainers from countries across the globe. She has been involved in researching and writing British Council training materials, including *Steps to Success*, *Classroom Language* and *English for Teachers*. She was Lead Consultant to the British Council's ETTE project, 2007-2011, which has trained over 700,000 teachers in seven countries in Central and South Asia. She is currently working with teachers and trainers from Iran in a long-term development project.



Sue also writes original fiction for learners of English, and has authored almost 30 books with Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Macmillan Heinemann and Cengage Learning/National Geographic. She has visited Turkey many times, and hopes to write a book set here one day.

Abstract

How teachers develop: CPD in times of change

The question 'How should we continue learning to accommodate the new generation?' is one that has challenged teachers throughout the ages, never more so than in these times of rapid technological change. Yet, as has been noted, change is an inevitable part of our lives; it is *growth* which is optional. Today, more than ever, it is essential for us as teachers that we continue to learn, and that we choose growth. As professionals, we need to know how to select from the available tools and technology, and make use of them effectively within a principled teaching approach. In this plenary we'll explore why Continuous Professional Development is important to us as teachers, and the various options open to us. We will also discuss some of the practical ways that we can go about managing our own learning.