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To whom it may concern

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

The British Council recognises the IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) annual conference as an excellent professional development opportunity for teachers of English.

For over 50 years the IATEFL annual conference has brought together teachers of English from around the world. It is held over four days, and is preceded by one day of pre-conference events run by IATEFL's 16 Special Interest Groups: Business English, young learners, teacher development, teacher training, research, pronunciation, evaluation and assessment, learning technologies, leadership and management, literature, materials writing, ESOL, special educational needs, ESP, learner autonomy and global issues.

The conference itself includes over 500 plenaries, presentations, symposiums, interactive language fairs and panel debates covering a wide range of ELT topics of value and interest to practising teachers of English. In addition, there is an exhibition where a wide range of ELT publishers, course providers and materials and software producers showcase the latest range of teacher support materials.

As such, it provides an ideal opportunity for English teachers, from primary, secondary further and higher education, to update their knowledge of pedagogy, teaching and learning techniques, associated technologies, issues and specialisations. Of equal importance, it provides delegates with an opportunity to network and forge professional links with other teachers on a truly international scale.

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The British Council has, for many years, worked in partnership with IATEFL to ensure that this conference reaches as many ELT professionals as possible.



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