

<b>INSTITUTION</b>	GLS Sprachenzentrum / IH Berlin
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<b>DATE OF EVENT</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
<b>LOCATION OF EVENT</b>	GLS Sprachenzentrum / IH Berlin

## EVENT REPORT

Over 75 language teachers, trainers, and external participants took part in a very successful GLS (IH Berlin) Teacher Training Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The aim of the event, which took place on the GLS Sprachenzentrum campus in Berlin, was to bring teachers of all languages together for a day of workshops and to provide an opportunity for reflection and the exchange of ideas. After nearly three years of the Covid pandemic, we felt it was high time to bring teachers together for a face-to-face event and provide a boost to morale, resilience, and team spirit through inspiring workshops. The event was organised by the GLS Academic Team led by Christina Schmidinger, the Head of Teacher Training and generously supported by Eaquals through the members' event fund. In addition, 4 major publishers: Cornelsen (National Geographic Learning), Klett (Cambridge University Pres), Hueber (MacMillian) and Pearson sponsored workshops and provided book stands. The latter were located in the lounge along with the catering so that teachers could mingle and leaf through the latest publications in the breaks and the publishers were also happy for the chance to have direct contact with teachers again.

In all, teachers of over 7 languages were represented and we were delighted to welcome alumni from the GLS\_IH Certificate in Teaching German as a Foreign Language and German teachers from other language schools in Berlin as well as our own teachers. The topics were relevant for all languages where possible and there was an equal mix of workshops in German or in English.

In the lively opening plenary, Stefan Deinzer (Hueber Verlag) reflected on the rapid developments our profession has faced over the last few years and asked where we are heading for the future. Later, there were 3 more 90-minute workshop slots with a choice of 4-5 workshops for each session.

Workshops topics included Mediation in the Classroom, Teaching 121 students, Revisiting Jigsaw Activities, Rhythm, Multiculturalism, Discrimination, and Differentiation.

The buffet lunch and refreshments provided were much appreciated and the day finished with a glass of wine and animated discussions. GLS would like to extend a huge thank you to Eaquals and all our sponsors for making the day possible.



Postscript:

Our original aims for the training day, were to:

- Provide a boost to morale, resilience and team spirit after a lack of face-to-face training over the last couple of years*
- Raise the quality of teaching*
- Increase cooperation within the teaching staff as well as intercultural understanding*
- Facilitate the exchange of know-how and material*
- Showcase IH Berlin's teacher training experience and know-how as well as Equals standards with teachers who are also multipliers.*
- *Further raise our standing within the language teaching community*
- To actively promote our membership of Equals at the event.*

We felt that these aims were achieved.

#### **QUOTE FROM EVENT ORGANISER (Max. 50 words)**

GLS was delighted to welcome so many colleagues and external guests to our training day and to have the opportunity to exchange ideas in person. The feedback from all participants and stakeholders was overwhelmingly positive and we hope very much that this can become a regular event.

#### **PHOTOS**



