Eaquals International Conference 2018, PRAGUE



FIONA DUNLOP

Managing Ourselves and Managing our Teams to Reach Academic Excellence

Fiona's session will be divided into two connected parts. She will start by looking at our own bank of skills and needs as managers in an ever changing industry. Fiona will then go on to look at how we manage our teams to succeed, how we provide support, manage, lead by example and provide the tools to allow individuals to perform to the best of their ability. This workshop will provide the audience with tools and fresh ideas to implement into their busy lives as managers in order to enhance the academic quality of their organisations.



SILVANA RICHARDSON

Impactful Professional Learning for Teachers - from input to evaluation

In this talk, Silvana will present the design features of effective CPD and show how her organisation has applied the insights gained from studying the best available evidence to their CPD programme. She will show concrete examples of tools and procedures they use to plan, deliver and evaluate impactful CPD programmes that then offer the support and follow-up that teachers need while experimenting with new strategies, implementing them in their classrooms, and evaluating their impact on their learners and their learning.



SARAH MERCER

Putting language teachers first: Focus on teacher wellbeing

In this talk, Sarah will consider how centrally important the language teacher is for what happens within the classroom, not just in terms of the practicalities of teaching but also in terms of the classroom atmosphere and learner motivation. Essentially, the teacher is the key to all relationships within the classroom and, through various processes such as contagion, they can have a tremendous impact on classroom dynamics, rapport, and learner psychology. If the teacher is not engaged and motivated, then it is unlikely their learners will be.



YSEULT FREENEY

High Performance Leadership

Yseult's plenary examines fundamental challenges for leaders, focussing on common personal objectives. The transformational leadership model, being accessible to a people manager audience, is chosen as a guiding framework and the principle responsibilities for leaders are positioned within this model. This provides a very clear structure and mode of questioning which will facilitate communication, enable tight alignment of learning strategies, while also ensuring retention and ease of application by participants.

